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Mishaps In A Critter Friendly Garden

By Jean Woods

Yesterday, I dropped a wooden bird feeder on a bird, oh my gosh, I felt so badly, however it did get up, scold me loudly and carry on. This brings me to the issue of creature safety in my yard. Apparently it isn't as critter friendly as I thought. You might want to close your eyes some of this is graphic in nature.

I drowned a squirrel in my garden fountain, I didn't mean to. I like squirrels and have many squirrel friendly parts of my yard. But sad to say he drowned because I didn't make sure he had a way out. So if you have a bird bath or a garden fountain or a bird bath water fountain or any sort of water feature in your yard make sure it has an escape ramp of some sort. A little pile of carefully placed rocks works well.

Another safety consideration is how well your bird houses and bird feeders are attached to their hangers. The bird house feeder that I dropped on the poor unsuspecting bird (who only wanted me to fill it so he could have lunch) was an older one and apparently I hadn't checked it recently. When I grabbed for it, the bird feeder fell apart dropping the roof on the little house sparrow. Well I guess that's ironic roof/house sparrow (ooh poor bird).

After these several instances (and a few more) I have come to pay attention to garden safety. Here are a few tips. Make sure your bird bath water fountains and garden fountains have something that helps the critters get up and out of the water. Check all moveable parts of birdhouse feeders and wooden bird feeders to make sure they are securely attached and can hold the weight of a bird without falling apart or falling off their hangers. Make sure that ornamental bird houses and bird feeders won't fall if the breezes get too strong, or in my case if a cat, raccoon or occasional bear tries to hang from it.

Our gardens should be safe havens not hazards for our little friends. Since we invite them in we need to make sure we protect them as best we can.

After working for over 20 years in an office, I decided to work at home and sell something I really like. To me there is nothing like the sound of birds chirping in the morning. So after lots of pondering I chose to help them out and provide them with their own home at

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A Beginners Guide To Garden Bridges

By Charles & Susan Truett

Just because you dont have huge, elaborate gardens does not mean you cant accentuate what you do have with garden bridges. Garden bridges could be just what you need to turn those mediocre garden areas into something quite splendid.

Garden bridges can add a touch of country or formal design to a garden. Small garden bridges are easy to find. There are many garden bridges that you can find in garden centers or home improvement centers. One of the best places to find small garden bridges may be online. There are lots of sites that have many ideas for small garden bridges.

If you are good with a hammer and nails you may even be able to make your own garden bridge. Plans are available at building stores and at online sites. You will find many choices for garden bridges at these online sites and you can also see photos of many different bridge styles.

A garden bridge can be a big benefit for your garden space. A small garden bridge will look attractive in a smaller garden and draw attention to a specific area.

You can choose the right small garden bridge if you do a little planning ahead of time. If you have a smaller garden you will want a smaller garden bridge. Look at the space you have and decide where a bridge would fit in. Consider more than one area and then choose your favorite.

There are some lovely gardens that are small in size but large in beauty because garden bridges have been added in just the right places.

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