



# DO IT YOURSELF: PINECONE BIRD FEEDER

## PLAN AHEAD:

Go for a neighborhood nature walk, and collect any pinecones that have dropped from their trees.



## PURPOSE:

We share our backyards and gardens with local birds who eat many different types of food including insects, berries, seeds, and nuts. Birds are excellent at foraging for their own food but feeders help to supplement their natural food sources.



## MATERIALS:

- Pinecones
- Twine or Yarn
- Scissors
- Peanut Butter *or* Nut Butter Alternative
- Birdseed
- Spoon or knife for spreading the Peanut Butter
- Medium-sized bowl



## PROCEDURE:

1. Gather all materials.
2. Using scissors, cut a piece of twine or yarn about 6-8 inches in length.
3. Tie the twine or yard to the end of the pinecone with a secure knot.
4. Fill your bowl with birdseed (ex: sunflower seeds, millet, dried berries).
5. Generously spread peanut butter onto the pinecone using a knife or spoon.
6. Roll the peanut butter covered pinecone in the bowl of birdseed until it is thoroughly covered.
7. Find an easy-to-reach tree branch in a shaded spot, and secure the pinecone using the twine or yarn that you attached in step #3.
8. Hooray! Your bird feeder is now ready for snacking to begin. Keep an eye out to see which neighborhood birds stop by to enjoy a sweet treat (TWEET!).

*Note: This crafty bird feeder is ideal for cooler temperatures. If you make additional pinecone bird feeders, you can store them in the freezer, and take them out when your feeder needs to be replenished.*

