



Short Activity
Ages 9–12
20 minutes

Bird Feeder

Description

Make your very own bird feeder and study the birds that come for a snack.

Competencies

- Development of fine motor skills
- Bird recognition

Materials

- Birdseed (pre-packaged or a mixture of seeds such as sunflower or pumpkin)
- Plates
- Nut-free spread (e.g. sunflower seed butter)
- Spoons or craft sticks
- String or ribbon
- Scissors
- Toilet paper rolls or a similar alternative

Preparation

- Purchase birdseed or a mixture of seeds and nut-free spread
- Collect toilet paper rolls
- Prepare the room for a program that may get messy

Implementation

1. Place the birdseed on plates
2. Using the back of a spoon or a craft stick, coat the toilet paper roll with the nut-free spread
3. Roll the sticky tube in the birdseed to cover it entirely
4. Cut a piece of string approximately 30 cm long, thread it through the tube and tie the ends together
5. Hang the bird feeders outside after the activity has ended, either as individuals or together as a group

6. If desired, encourage kids to keep a record of all the birds that come to eat at the feeder

Book Suggestions

Drawn from Nature by Helen Ahpornsiri

Going Wild: Helping Nature Thrive in Cities by Michelle Mulder

My First Book of Canadian Birds by Andrea Miller

Sukaq and the Raven by Roy Goose and Kerry McCluskey

Images and Templates

