

HOMEMADE BIRD FEEDERS

Bottle Feeder...

Find an old plastic soda/water bottle with a lid.

With the help of a parent, cut a small hole in the bottle (large enough for a spoon to fit into). Then cut a small hole into the opposite side of the bottle where the end of the spoon can fit through (have it slightly higher than the first hole so the spoon is on a slant). Fill the bottle with bird seed, making sure the hole closest to the spoon is large enough to let *some* seeds spill out onto the spoon. Put the lid back on the bottle and tie a string around the top. Hang the bird feeder from a tree branch and enjoy!

If the bottle is large enough, you can put more than one spoon through the bottle. Make sure that the other spoon is a little higher and not directly over the first spoon. This will allow more birds to use the feeder at one time!

Pine cone feeder:

Any old pine cone will do! Tie a string around the 'fat'-end of a pine cone. Get some peanut butter and spread it all over the pine cone, leaving a little area at the end so you can hold it without getting covered in peanut butter. Then, roll the peanut butter covered pine cone in bird seed. That's it! You are finished! Hang the pine cone from a tree branch and watch the birds that come to fill their bellies!



Popcorn Garland:

Not just a tasty treat for you; popcorn is a welcomed treat for birds and other wildlife during the winter. While you have some plain, non-buttered popcorn popping thread a needle. Start sliding the popcorn onto the string by putting the needle through the individual pieces of popcorn. String up your feeder outside and watch as nature enjoys it!

You can add other goodies like cranberries or dried fruit as well!