

MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

Materials: Pinecone, peanut butter, bird seed, string/twine.

With birds needing a constant and reliable food source year-round, placing a bird feeder in your backyard will help sustain the bird population in your neighborhood. Birds require a lot of food to ensure their survival, as some species need to consume 35% of their body weight in food daily to survive. If a bird has a reliable food source to visit, such as a bird feeder, they will not have to exhaust energy while looking for food.

A fun and inexpensive way to make a bird feeder at home is to build a peanut butter pinecone bird feeder! The only materials you need are a pinecone, peanut butter, bird seed, and some string/twine. If you have an allergy to peanut butter, different types of nut butters will be a suitable replacement. The first step is to find a pinecone and covering it with peanut butter, making sure to get into all the crevices. Next, pour a cup of bird seed into a bowl and roll the pinecone in the bird seed until the pinecone is completely covered. Lastly, tie the string/twine around the top of the pinecone and hang it from a tree or hook. Now you will have a source of food for all your local birds! Make sure to monitor how long it takes for the birds to eat all the seed. The seed should last a couple of weeks depending on how many birds frequently visit your yard, be sure to keep an eye out for your favourites!

