

Make Your Own Winter Birdfeeder!

A great way to learn about wild animals in the winter is to observe them. This winter, try watching birds at a birdfeeder! This pinecone birdfeeder is easy to make with items you have at home, and it provides wild birds with necessary protein and fat to stay healthy when the temperatures are very cold. Also, the feeder is biodegradable!

You'll need:

- A pinecone
- 2 paper plates
- 12" of twine
- Peanut butter*
- A small dish
- A knife or popsicle stick
- Birdseed for wild birds



Search for a large pinecone with seeds that have lifted away from the center of the cone.



Tie a 12 inch piece of twine to the stem or first tier of seeds. Do not use fishing line or wire which may hurt the birds.



Put 1/4-1/3 cup peanut butter in a dish. Place the pinecone on a paper plate.



Using a knife or popsicle stick, spread the peanut butter evenly over the pinecone. This will be messy!



Put birdseed into a second paper plate and transfer the peanut-butter-coated pinecone over to that plate.



Roll the pinecone in the seeds until all the peanut butter is covered, gently pressing the seeds into the peanut butter.



Hang the feeder outside in a safe, shaded spot where you can watch the birds enjoying their winter treat!