

Feed the Birds



You will need

- Pine Cone
- Vegetable Fat
- Dried Fruit
- Grated Cheese
- Bird Seed

Before you begin

Put the pine cones on a sunny window ledge for a few hours to make sure they open up fully.

Make sure you cover the surface you are working on with newspaper to avoid making too much mess.

Have a go

1. Put the vegetable fat into a large bowl and squish it with a wooden spoon. Add the other ingredients and mix it up.
2. Tie a piece of string around the top of the cone.
3. Using your hands, pack the mixture around the pine cone until it forms a ball shape and then put in a cool place to set.
4. After a day or so, hang the feeder in your garden and watch to see which birds come to have a feast.
5. Make a note of the birds that you see using this info sheet.



Sparrow



Crow



Woodpigeon



Blue Tit



Blackbird



Robin



Magpie



Song Thrush

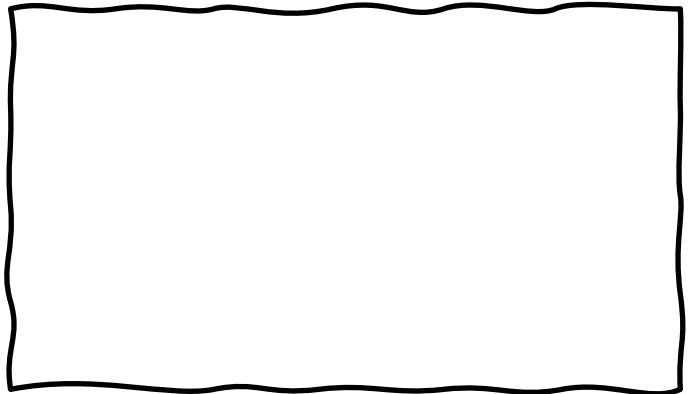


Starling

Additional Information

If you don't have a garden to hang your feeder, you could hang it from a balcony or washing line.

You may see a bird that is not on this list – if so, draw a picture or make some notes so that you can try to identify it.

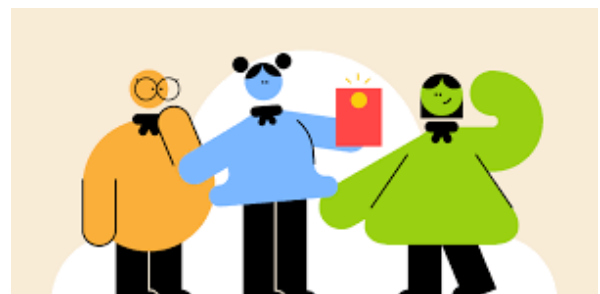


Reflection

Think about the impact of your actions.

- Why do we need to feed the birds?
- Imagine you are a bird – how good would it feel to get a food cone to eat?

Think about what other actions you could take to help wildlife in your garden and also in your local community.



Safety

Food – Check for food allergies before you begin.

All Activities are taken from the Scout Association's Great IN Doors programme.