

HOW TO MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

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Invite a variety of birds into your garden with these tasty pinecone feeders

WHAT YOU NEED

You will need:

- large open pine cones
- some string, twine or wire
- lard or peanut butter (or soy butter/sunflower butter if you have a nut allergy)
- birdseed



HOW TO MAKE IT

- First make sure you have an adult to help you
- Tie your string, twine or wire to the top of the pinecone, then tie the ends together to make a loop to hang the pinecone from later
- Spread your lard or peanut butter onto the pine cone, making sure you push a little bit into each of the pinecone scales and gaps
- Hold the pinecone at the top and bottom and dip it into a bowl of birdseed which should stick to the lard or peanut butter
- Give it a good roll around in the seed until the pinecone and lard/peanut butter is fully covered in birdseed
- Now it's ready for hanging up!

WHERE TO HANG

- Tie your pinecone bird feeder onto a tree branch in your garden
- Make sure you hang your pinecone somewhere where birds can easily reach it
- Choose a position where birds can sit on nearby branches whilst eating the seed
- Somewhere where birds can reach but not so close that they can eat all the birdseed in a few minutes!
- Pick somewhere shady so the lard or peanut butter doesn't melt in the sun
- Remember to place it in a spot that you can see from inside your home so you can watch the visiting birds enjoying it!



COMMON GARDEN BIRDS

There are many species of birds that may visit your garden and some of the most common are starlings, blackbirds, woodpigeons, robins, blue tits, magpies, chaffinches, doves and wrens.

Watch the variety visit your pinecone feeders from inside your home, and when they've eaten all the seed you can reuse the pinecone and refill it for them.

