

# Making DIY backyard bird feeders

Backyard birding is an exciting and accessible way to enjoy wild birds. Adding a feeder will enhance your birding experience by attracting and supporting many species of birds. Feeders are as unique as the birders who put them out! Make your own using items commonly found around your house, and welcome birds to your backyard!

## Pine cone feeder



### What you'll need:

- Pine cones
- Nut or seed butter
- String, yarn or twine
- Bird seed



1. Tie a piece of string to the top of pine cone.



2. Cover the cone in seed or nut butter.



3. Sprinkle, spoon on, or roll pine cone in bird seed mix.



4. Hang and enjoy!

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## Popsicle stick feeder



### What you'll need:

- Popsicle sticks
- Something to hang feeder
- Bird seed
- Glue



2. Glue pairs of strips across the pair already attached to form sides, continuing to 5 sticks high, like a little log cabin. Tie cord through the corners and gather so the platform will hang level.



1. Lay 2 sticks parallel to each other and about two thirds of a stick length apart. Glue sticks across to form a platform.



3. Hang and enjoy!

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### Bird carton feeder



#### What you'll need:

- Clean carton (juice, milk, etc)
- Scissors or xacto knife
- String, yarn or twine
- Bird seed



1. Trace and cut the following shapes onto your carton:
  - On the front, trace out an arch with the bottom connected. This piece will be completely cut out.
  - On both sides trace and cut a long skinny U. These will stay attached on the top.



2. Fold the long skinny U-shaped flaps back on themselves as shown.



3. Double over and tie off a string. Thread it through appropriate existing or new openings and through itself to form a hanger. Add birdseed and hang!

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### Cereal box feeder



#### What you'll need:

- A cereal box
- Scissors or Xacto knife
- String, yarn or twine
- Tape (optional)
- Bird seed



2. Flip over box and make a small hole in each corner.  
Optional: To strengthen your feeder place tape on the corners of the box before adding your holes.



1. Draw a rectangle about an inch smaller than the box and cut out.



3. Run string towards the inside from each hole. Tie strings together to form hanging point. Fill with bird seed and hang outside. Enjoy!

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## Recycled tube feeder



### What you'll need:

- Popsicle sticks
- Something to hang feeder
- Bird seed
- Nut or seed butter
- Scissors



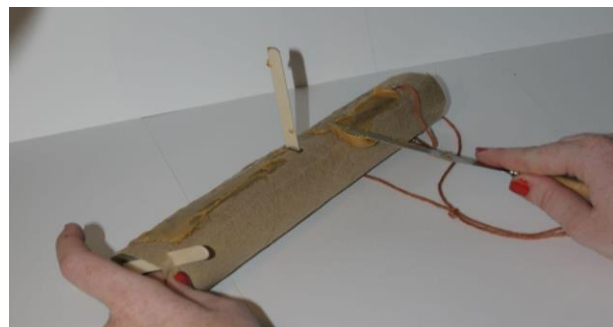
1. Cut two holes at the top of tube and use to attach string.



2. Mark where you will cut slits for the perches.



3. Push a small popsicle stick through the tube using holes cut in Step 2.



4. Evenly spread a layer of nut butter over the entire tube.



5. Scoop, sprinkle or roll bird seed onto the buttered tube.



6. Hang outside and enjoy!

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## Recycled bottle feeder



### What you'll need:

- A bottle
- Wooden spoons
- Scissors or Xacto knife
- Bird seed



1. Trace holes on either side of the bottle roughly the size of the handle of your wooden spoon and cut out. Add a set of holes (front and back) for each spoon you plan to add - I have drawn on two sets.



2. Push the handle of the wooden spoon through both holes. You will want the head of the spoon close to the open hole on the side of the bottle, so that birds can land on it and eat seeds that trickle out from the hole onto the flat spoon.



3. Fill with bird seed, place outside and enjoy!

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## Orange peel feeder



### What you'll need:

- Orange
- A knife
- String or yarn
- Scissors
- Bird seed



1. Cut orange in half and remove the fruit but leave the peel intact.



2. Cut small holes on either side of orange peel.



3. Cut a length of string and poke through both holes and tie a knot.



4. Fill with bird seed and hang outside. Enjoy!

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## Recycled bottle and container feeder



### What you'll need:

- Plastic bottle
- Shallow plastic tray, wider than your bottle plastic
- Scissors or an Xacto knife
- Hot glue gun
- Bird seed



1. Trace an opening towards the bottom of the bottle and cut out.



2. Add hot glue to the bottom of your bottle and glue to the shallow tray.



3. Fill with seed. Place outside and enjoy!



# Making DIY backyard bird feeders

## Ice cream cone feeder



### What you'll need:

- Ice cream cone
- String to hang your feeder
- Nut or seed butter
- Bird seed



1. Crack the tip off the ice cream cone. Tie a big knot in the string and feed the string through the cone so it can hang.



2. Cover cone in nut butter.



3. Roll cone in birdseed.



4. Hang and enjoy!