

NATURE CRAFT

PINECONE BIRD FEEDER

Activities that involve pine cones are fun to do with children because they start with a hike outside to collect them.

There are endless possibilities when using pine cones for crafts but turning a pine cone into a bird feeder is a double win because you get to introduce birdwatching to your children as well.

Birdwatching helps children experience natural wonders and develop a sense of caring for our environment. It can be a relaxing activity, when watching birds stop at a bird feeder from the comfort of our home, or an adventure in the bush! Over time, children will develop concentration and observation skills in addition to critical thinking. Each season offers new insight and opportunities to observe bird behaviors.



MAKE YOUR OWN PINECONE BIRD FEEDER

MATERIALS

pine cones, peanut butter, spoon or popsicle stick, plate or tray, bird seeds, twine or string, scissors

DIRECTIONS

1. Place a pine cone on your plate or tray and, using a popsicle stick or spoon, cover it with a layer of peanut butter.
2. Sprinkle bird seed on the pine cone, so it sticks to the peanut butter. You can also roll your peanut butter-covered pine cone in a pile of seeds.
3. Cut an 8 inch piece of twine or string and tie it around the top of the pine cone.
4. Hang your pinecone bird feeder on a tree branch and watch the birds that visit it.

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