



Wingin' it

activity sheets





Bird bottle craft

Materials:

- Empty yogurt bottle
- Paints and brushes
- Googly eyes
- Construction paper and tissue paper
- Glue
- Safety scissors
- Straw



Instructions:

- Paint the bottle in the colors of your choice. Let it dry.
- Cut or tear tissue paper to make a tail. Paste it on.
- Glue on the googly eyes.
- From the construction paper, cut out shapes for the beak and wings and stick them on.
- Cut a straw in two and stick the pieces on the lower end of the bottle for the legs.
- You can use real feathers instead of tissue paper. You can also use other decorative items, such as glitter, to make your bird pretty.



Bird watching



- Find a comfortable spot outside with a good view of your bird feeder.

(If you don't have a bird feeder you can make one – check out the following pages for the craft.)

- Spend some time observing what birds come by.
- What do you notice about them?
 - What color are they?
 - What shape are their beaks?
 - What does their song sound like?
- The vibrant colorful birds tend to be males – they use their colors to attract females.
- Birds beaks are adapted to what they eat:



Shore birds, like this killdeer, have long narrow beaks that they use to pluck insects out of the sand.



Some song birds, like this boreal chickadee, have tiny pointed beaks for catching insects mid- flight.



Raptors, like this American kestrel, have strong, hooked beaks for tearing open prey.



Some birds, like this gray-crowned rosy finch have thick beaks for cracking open seeds and nuts.



Check off what
birds you see at
your feeder!



Dark-eyed Junco



Boreal Chickadee



Pine Siskin



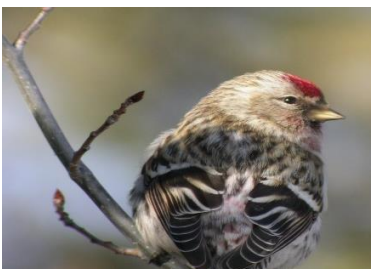
White-crowned
Sparrow



American Robin



Yellow-rumped
Warbler



Common Redpoll



Pine Grosbeak



Homemade bird feeder

Materials:

- Toilet paper roll
- A string
- A plate
- Bird seeds
- Organic peanut butter (safe for birds)
- A butter knife or spoon



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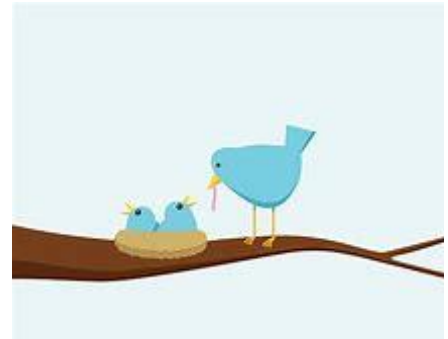
- Coat the toilet paper roll in a thin layer of peanut butter.
- Place the bird seeds on the plate.
- Roll the toilet paper roll on the plate until it is completely covered in seeds.
- Stick the string through the roll and tie it.
- Hang the bird feeder in a space where bears or squirrels cannot access it.
- Enjoy watching the birds come for a treat!



Feed the young!

Equipment:

- Birdseeds
- 2 Buckets
- 2 large spoons
- 2 “nests” (another set of buckets)



Set up:

- Fill two buckets with seeds.
- Place the filled buckets on one end of your yard and the empty buckets on the other.

How to play:

- The object of the game is to fill your bucket first (in a relay race fashion).
- You will run to the bird filled bucket and bring back a spoonful of seeds at a time for your nest to feed your young.
- If you are playing with multiple players, once you dump your seeds in your nest, you will pass the spoon to the next player and they will get the next cup.
- The first team or person to fill their bucket wins!

Can be played with 2+ players.