

## Create Your Own Bird Feeder

Did you know that you can go bird-watching almost anywhere and anytime? Birds live in and visit lots of places outdoors: yards, parks, woods, open fields, and even busy city sidewalks.

You can attract birds by hanging a bird feeder outside. Try making your own bird feeder with these simple steps. Look closely for some of the bird species shown below. How many birds will you see? Read Bird Watch, by Christie Matheson, to discover more about birding and how to look for birds!







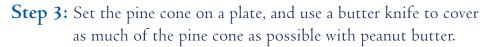
## **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- Pine cones
- String
- Peanut butter or nut Scissors butter alternative
  - Butter knife
- Birdseed
- Plates





- Step I: Collect some pine cones. Find them outside in nature, or at a craft store.
- Step 2: Cut string into long pieces, between 12 and 24 inches long. Tie a string to the top of each pine cone.





**Step 4:** Pour out the birdseed onto a separate clean plate. Roll the peanut butter-covered pine cone around in the seeds, going back and forth until the pine cone is completely covered in birdseed.



**Step 5:** Hang your bird feeders outside. Do your best to hang them high enough so cats, squirrels, and other critters won't easily be able to reach them.



**Step 6:** Watch for birds! If you have binoculars, you can use them to see the birds up close. Keep a list of the different bird species that come to visit.



