



# 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!



Wren



Hummingbird



Hawk



Owl

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

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



Dove

**Step 1:** 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 3:** Set the pine cone on a plate, and use a butter knife to cover as much of the pine cone as possible with peanut butter.

**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.



Sparrow



Bluebird



Robin



Chickadee



Warbler