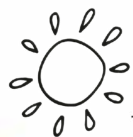




Make your own BIRD FEEDER



You will need:

- Plastic bottle
- String
- Scissors
- Bird seed
- A tree or place to hang it outside
- A twig or wooden spoon

One of the biggest challenges facing the marine world is plastic! Over 40% of the world's oceans are polluted by man-made products such as plastic bottles and so it's really important that we all do our bit to recycle and reuse products wherever possible. Hold on to a couple of plastic bottles and give them a new use in life by making bird feeders!! You are doing your bit to keep plastic out of our oceans and keep your garden birds happy at the same time.

FEEDING NATURE

1. With help from an adult, cut 2 holes directly opposite each other in the plastic bottle.
2. Push through either a small stick or wooden spoon to act as a little perch for birds to sit on either side while they are eating.
3. Fill the bottle with bird seed and screw the top back on to keep out the rain.
4. Tie string around the bottle neck and find a place to hang it outside.



SKILLS YOU NEED

Other than carefully following the instructions, you don't need to have any particular skills to carry out this activity. If you look at the world of work where people help conserve nature and protect vulnerable species, skills such as bird identification and concentration skills are sought after!

DID YOU KNOW?

Woodpeckers peck on a tree at the rate of almost 21 times in a second - that's fast!

Crows can imitate the voices of various animals!



LINKS TO STEM JOBS...

A Bird Specialist who has studied Ornithology can expect to earn an average salary of £35,000 per year! An individual does not necessarily need to do a degree course and can often work their way up with lots of experience in bird-watching and ringing!

WHY NOT TRY

Next time you are on a walk out in nature, start collecting twigs, sticks, leaves and other natural bits and pieces. You could stuff these into an old plant pot, gallet or even just tie them together with string. Put this in a dark and damp corner of your garden (providing a home for all the bugs and insects that we rely on to keep the natural cycles of our garden going!)

