



Outdoor Box - Apple Bird Feeders

This activity is for Cubs
but any section or leaders
could take part too !

What you need:

- Apples
- Bird seed
- Peanut butter
- Bowl
- Kitchen knife & spoon
- String or twine



How to make it:

Whether you live in the middle of the city or way out in the woods, you are surrounded by birds. Making a bird feeder to attract birds has more benefits than the most obvious one of enjoying the company of birds in your backyard. Birds control pests in the garden and also help to pollenate the flowers.

1. Cut the apple in half with a kitchen knife and scoop out the core and seeds with a spoon.
2. Using the knife, make a small hole in the middle of the scooped out area and use a length of string to thread through the hole and tie the ends with a knot to make a hanger for the feeder.
3. In a bowl, mix together bird seed with enough peanut butter to bind it together.
4. Fill the scooped out area with the bird food mix.
5. Leave aside to allow to go hard.
6. Hang in tree or from a hook in your garden and watch the birds enjoy your apple feeder, they will eat the seed food and the apple itself !

Take it further:

- Make a checklist of the birds you see or take photos of each bird.
- Identify them in a book or online.
- Draw pictures of them in a nature journal.
- Take notice of the different colours, songs and behaviour of each type of bird.

Safety Notes:

Scissors / Sharp Objects: Supervise young people appropriately when using sharp knives.
Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

Gardening and Nature: Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.

Online Access: Supervise young people when they're online and give them advice about staying safe.