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Bird Feeder

Suggested Materials:

- Milk Carton, juice carton or recycled container
- Scissors
- Pencil or hole punch
- Twig or small stick
- Birdseed
- Twine or string

Directions:

1. Cut door-shaped opening about halfway up in two opposite sides of the milk carton.
2. Use a pencil or hole punch to make two holes in the flap at the top of the carton for hanging.
3. Poke a hole with the pencil or hole punch under each of the door-shaped openings for the stick.
4. Slide the stick through the holes so the birds will have somewhere to perch while they eat.
5. Fill the bottom of the carton with birdseed.
6. Thread the twine or string through the holes at the top and make a knot. Hang the feeder from a sturdy tree branch. Now you're ready to watch the birds!



Field Guide

Suggested Materials:

- Notebook, or paper stapled together to make a booklet
- Pencil or pen
- Pencil crayons or crayons

Directions:

Sometimes people like to keep track of the birds they see and hear. Use a notebook or booklet to write and draw what you notice about birds. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Some field guides include pictures. Draw a picture of the bird you see. What do you notice about its size, shape, and colour?
- Some field guides help people learn more about the birds they see. Write down the name of the bird, the time of day and where you saw the bird. This helps you find patterns.
- Some field guides include a life list. Write down the name of the bird and the date you saw it. Then watch your list grow.

Learn More about Birds

Links to eResources:

[Birds](#)

Read *Birds, Part 1*, *Birds, Part 2* and *Lewis Cardinal's First Winter* on Tumblebooks.

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