

The Great Park Pursuit

Pinecone Bird Feeder

While walking the trails, look for pine cones! These little special seeds can make a great bird feeder. Pick one up and bring it home... when made into a feeder, the birds will love you!

Materials Needed:

- 1 pine cone
- string or pipe cleaner
- peanut butter or butter shortening
- scissors
- bird seed - "Cardinal mix" or "Black Oil" work well
- spoon or popsicle stick/craft stick



Step #1:

Head out into the great outdoors. Look for a pine cone. Pinecones are actually the seeds for conifer trees. Some pinecones drop off the tree each year, others remain on the tree for nearly 10 years. The pinecones on a Jack Pine fall off only when exposed to extreme heat - like a forest fire!

Step #2:

Cut a piece of string about 14" in length, or use a pipe cleaner. Tie it around the pinecone; create a loop so you can hang the pinecone from a tree branch.

Step #3:

Cover the pinecone in peanut butter or butter shortening... birds like either.



Step #4:

Roll the pinecone in bird seed.

Step #5:

Hang your bird feeder from a tree. Many birds will love your feeder. Woodpeckers and songbirds are especially likely to

