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Backyard Birding

It's Spring and the birds around you are getting busy.

Birds are looking for food, building nests and calling for a mate. Some birds like to eat seeds and berries, some prefer insects. You can attract birds to your yard by offering their favorite foods. Here are two simple feeders you can make:

Seed Feeder

- Cardboard toilet paper tubes
- Peanut butter
- Bird seed, chopped nuts
- String or yarn (optional)



Roll the tubes in peanut butter. Then roll them in seeds and nuts. Hang with string or slide the tubes onto a branch.

Fruit/Grain Feeder

- Pipe cleaners or thin wire
- Fruits: Grapes, berries, raisins, apple and orange pieces
- Grains: Cheerios, popcorn
- String or yarn



String your fruits and grains onto the pipe cleaners or wire. Make a loop and hang with string.

You can find many DIY feeder ideas online made from items you have in your house.



Go Outside

Hang your feeders outside and observe. It may take a few days for birds to find their new treats.

A bird guide can help you identify your birds. You can use a bird book or visit websites such as [Audubon](http://Audubon.org) or [All About Birds](http://AllAboutBirds.org) for help.



Chickadee

How many birds do you see before and after you put up your feeders?

Which feeder do your birds prefer?

Which birds prefer to eat on the ground? What are they eating?



Mourning Dove



Pigeon

OR



Titmouse

Do birds interact with each other or do they keep to themselves?

What bird colors do you see?



Cardinal



Blue Jay



Starling



House Sparrow

OR



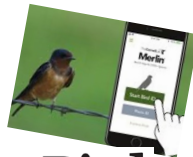
House Finch

Use your phone or a notebook to record what you do and observe. Share photos on Facebook and Instagram using these hashtags: **#casbacktonature** **#casnatureplay**

Keeping track of those birds.....

Use a notebook to record what you see. Some phone apps also help you identify and track birds.

What bird is that? The [Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab of Ornithology](http://MerlinBirdID.com) app will help you figure that out. It's super easy to use.



Once you know your birds, use Cornell's [eBird](http://eBird.org) app to keep track of what you see. Also learn which birds to look for in your area.

eBird

Create Your Own Backyard Habitat!

Invite wildlife to your yard and neighborhood by providing these essentials:

Food – plants or feeders with seeds, nectar, berries

Water – for drinking and bathing

Cover – bushes and boxes for nesting & shelter

Get Your Backyard CERTIFIED!

Go to <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify>

