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

**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** app will help you figure that out. It’s super easy to use.

Once you know your birds, use Cornell’s **eBird** app to keep track of what you see. Also learn which birds to look for in your area.

**Go Outside**

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

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?

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

What bird colors do you see?

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

**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**