

Make your own bird feeder and observe who visits!

Description:

Learn how you can create a simple bird feeder using materials around your house. Next step, make a pair of binoculars out of empty toilet paper rolls. Finally, use our common birds of Nantucket list to track who visits your feeder!

Materials:

- Feeder: base for your feeder, string, Crisco or peanut butter, seeds
- Binoculars: 2 small toilet paper tubes, string, stapler or tape

Build your Bird Feeder

1. Choose a base for your feeder, this could be a pinecone, the bottom of an egg carton, or a carton of milk with an opening cut out.
2. Tie a piece of string around your feeder so you can hang it once its finished. Make sure that when you hold the string your feeder hangs evenly.
3. Use Crisco, peanut butter, or a mixture of both to coat your feeder and make it sticky (if you are using the egg carton or the milk carton only coat the inside)
4. Sprinkle seeds on your bird feeder (make sure you use unsalted, unroasted seeds!)
5. Hang your bird feeder outside near where you live! Try to put it somewhere easy to visit or where you can see it from inside your home.

Build your Binoculars

1. Find two empty toilet paper tubes, or cut a used paper towel tube in half
2. Either using a stapler or tape, connect the two halves so they are parallel or facing the same direction
3. Tape a piece of string to each tube on the same side, so that you can wear your binoculars like a necklace!
4. Decorate your binoculars with markers or pencils!

Observe the Birds!

1. Using the list below, mark down when you see some of the most common birds on our island visit your birdfeeder!

<p>Cardinal</p> 	<p>Chickadee</p> 	<p>Gold Finch</p> 	<p>Blue Jay</p> 	<p>Song Sparrow</p> 	<p>Any others you noticed?</p> 