

BUDDY BISON'S BACKYARD BIRD SANCTUARY



Every year, millions of birds all over the world enjoy seeds, fruit, and suet from backyard bird feeders. However, as deforestation pushes more birds each year to seek food and shelter from places outside of their natural habitat, there are a few more things we can do to help birds.

MATERIALS

- plastic bottle(s)
- scissors
- bird seed
- string
- funnel
- clear tape
- wooden spoon/sticks
- bird bath container



Much like us, birds have three basic needs in order to feel safe and comfortable: food, water and shelter.

Consider placing multiple bird feeders at different heights in your yard. Sparrows, for example, feed directly on the ground, while cardinals prefer to feed from bush height. If where you live lacks trees, provide a shady space and place a wide container filled with water for birds to drink and bathe.

MAKE A RECYCLED BIRD FEEDER

1. Cut 2 or 4 holes in your bottle just large enough to fit your wooden spoon all the way through the bottle. If you don't have spoons, you can make your own using a stick with a fork on the end (see above).
2. Place spoons/sticks through bottle and cover excess openings the seeds might fall through with tape. You can always remove the tape after filling. Using a funnel, fill the bottle with bird feed.
3. Remove tape or add small slits to holes to allow a small, steady amount of bird seed to fall out onto the spoon.
4. Using string, attach your feeder to a tree, bush, hook, or balcony.

READY FOR MORE? TRY THIS: You can also create a bird feeders by coating pinecones in nut butter and covering them in seeds. If you live in an area with hummingbirds, consider offering a water and sugar mix for these tiny migratory birds.

