

# Easy Homemade Bird Feeder

## Franklin County 4-H Camp in a Box Activity Guide

### Activity Objectives:

Participants will –

- Discover what birds eat.
- Create a bird feeder.
- Observe and identify a backyard bird.

**Time:** 15 minutes

### Supplies:

- Empty toilet paper roll
- Pancake Syrup (or Peanut/Sun Butter)
- Bird seed
- Two paper plates
- Optional: string

### Additional Resources:

- [audubon.org](http://audubon.org)
- Merlin Bird ID App

These quick and easy homemade bird feeders are fun for youth to create without much help from adults. Once complete, they offer a great opportunity to observe backyard birds.

### WHAT TO DO

1. Cover your table with old newspaper or something to protect the work surface as the project can get a little sticky.
2. Set two paper plates next to each other on the work surface.
3. Pour some syrup onto one of the plates.
4. Put a layer of bird seed onto the other plate.
5. Roll the toilet paper roll through the syrup.
6. Once the outside of the toilet paper roll is covered in syrup, roll the toilet paper roll in the bird seed. The bird see should stick.
7. Leave the roll on the bird seed plate for a little while to allow it to harden some.
8. Loop the string through the toilet paper roll and hang it on a tree or slip the toilet paper roll directly onto a tree branch.
9. Observe the birds who come to feed. Try to identify a bird by using a bird ID website or app.

