

Pine Cone Bird Feeder

Introduction

This is a great craft for using up pine cones left over from Christmas decorations. It links with our theme of winter birds and the Big Garden Birdwatch (27th - 29th January). It is also good fun.

You Will Need

- Pine cones
- String or thin garden wire
- Lard or baking margarine (block margarine is best)
- Wild bird seed

Risk Assess

Use disposable gloves, plastic aprons and table coverings.

What To Do

Loop a length of string or thin garden wire under two or three of the bracts (wings) at the base of the pine cone, and tie it into a hanger. Your pine cone bird feeder will hang upside down.

Now for the messy bit! Make sure you use disposable gloves. Cover the pine cone in a good layer of fat (lard or margarine), pushing it well into the cone.

Spread the wild bird seed generously on trays.

Roll the cones in the bird seed, making sure they are well covered.

Hang up in the garden or from a bird table. The birds will love it!

