

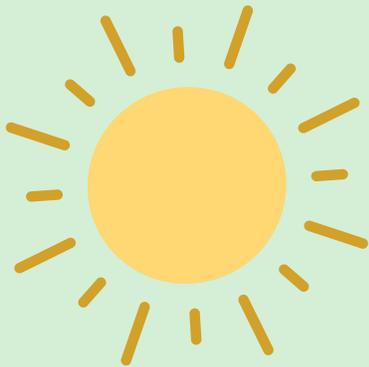
# For the Birds



from our partner,  
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If you are searching for a simple way to support conservation efforts this winter, creating a bird feeder for your backyard is the perfect option. These animals play a vital role in the ecosystem by controlling pests and helping pollinator communities thrive. When food sources become scarce during the cooler months, feeders can provide much-needed supplements to a bird's natural diet.



Fun for all ages and anyone wanting to connect with nature, here are three homemade bird feeder projects demonstrated by two future conservation rock stars!

## Bread Bird Feeder

What you'll need:

- Peanut butter
- Day old/stale bread
- Birdseed
- Bread
- Cookie cutter
- Yarn (bright colors)
- Skewer

This idea is great for both decorative purposes and for attracting colorful birds. First, use a cookie cutter on bread pieces to make different shapes for your treats. Once you have your set, take a skewer and thread a piece of yarn through each so they are ready to hang. Spread peanut butter, which is a safe option for birds, on either one or both sides. Finish it off by sprinkling birdseed over as much of the treats as desired.

# Pumpkin Bird Feeder

What you'll need:

- Pumpkin
- Birdseed
- Carving tools
- Twine (for hanging)



Still wondering how to reuse those leftover pumpkins? To begin, cut the pumpkin in half and remove all seeds. Fill the hollow area with birdseed and leave it outside for them to enjoy. If you want your feeder to be even more attractive, you can also create an outdoor ornament by tying two strands of braided twine around a tree and the pumpkin half.

# Toilet Paper Roll Bird Feeder

What you'll need:

- Peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Empty toilet paper roll

*Bring some music to your yard!*



It doesn't get much easier than this! Simply spread a medium coat of peanut butter on the outside of an empty toilet paper roll. Then, pour birdseed onto a plate and roll the toilet paper roll over it until completely covered. Find a tree branch outside, slip it over, and you are all set! And if you would rather hang them up, just thread a piece of yarn through the middle.



Brought to you by Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, home to over 280 species of birds!  
See our [Bird List](#) for local birds that visit the Refuge and maybe your backyard, too!

Reference: <https://www.thesca.org/connect/blog/giving-back-birds>