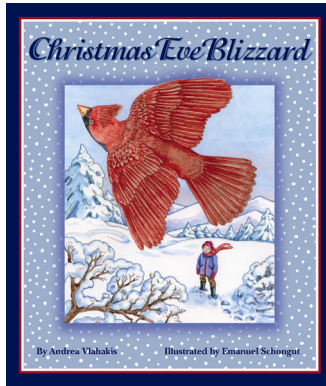




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Bird Feeders Are Not Just For Winter!

There are several bird feeders that can be purchased and used. Different types of birds will eat out of different feeders. Cardinals like eating from platform feeders, but will also eat out of hopper feeders (with a tray) or tube feeders with big enough perches. Backyard birds like eating out of feeders all year long - not just during the winter.

Easy Bird Feeder Crafts

1. Tree Garland Using a heavy string, natural yarn, or twine and a blunt yarn-type needle, string the following bird treats. When finished, drape the garland in a tree or on a bush for the birds to enjoy.

Popcorn

Cranberries or raisins

Peanuts (in the shell) or other nuts

Crab apples

Slices of oranges or fresh berries (blackberries, etc)

Dried fruit (any type)

Pieces of whole grain bread



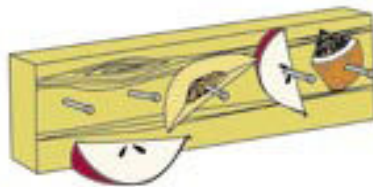
2. Peanut Butter Pinecones Attach a heavy string, natural yarn or twine to the top of a pinecone. Cover the cone with peanut butter or suet (purchase at bird-feed stores), press sunflower seeds or a birdseed mix into the peanut butter or suet. Hang from a tree branch.



3. Bird Platter Take an aluminum pie pan and punch several nail-sized holes in the bottom (for drainage). Place the tin on top of an old hanging plant container and hang from a tree limb or a pole or simply place the pan on top of a fence or deck post. Cardinals like eating about 5 to 6 feet off the ground. With enough drainage holes, the seeds should be okay through most rains. Change the seeds if they get too soggy and wet. An old plastic sand shifter toy could also be used.



4. Bird Buffet Hammer non-rusting galvanized nails into a piece of wood – leaving an inch or two poking out. Nail it to the side of a fence or a pole. Place pieces of orange, lemon, apple, pear, or peach on the nails.



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