

## Activity Challenge: **DIY A Temporary Bird Feeder**

### To Get Started:

1. Read through these 5 different ways to build a simple birdfeeder
2. Search in and around your home to find materials
3. Using your found materials, build your own birdfeeder based on one of the designs described below or, make up your own design!
4. Hang your birdfeeder in a high location, such as a nearby tree or on your porch.

#### **Pinecone birdfeeder:**

- Gather up a few pinecones, string or twine, nut butter or lard and birdseed.
- Tie a loop of string to the top as the birdfeeder hanger.
- Using a butter knife, spread nut butter or cooking lard all over surface of the pinecone.
- Roll the pinecone through a bowl of birdseed.



#### **Cereal birdfeeder:**

- Gather up stale circle-shaped cereal (such as cheerios), and string or pipe cleaners.
- Take a long length of your string or pipe cleaner and tie a knot at one end that is big enough so the cereal won't drop through.
- Put the circle-shaped cereal onto the string or pipe cleaner.
- Once your string is full, tie the ends together so it can hang from a branch or a hook.



#### **Bagel birdfeeder:**

- Gather up a bagel, string or twine, nut butter or lard and birdseed.
- Spread your nut butter or cooking lard over the bagel.
- Dredge the bagel through your birdseed.
- Place string through the center of the bagel and tie a knot to create the birdfeeder hanger.



#### **Toilet paper roll birdfeeder:**

- Gather up an empty toilet paper tube, string or twine, nut butter or lard and birdseed.
- Run a long piece of string through the toilet paper tube and tie it together at the ends to create a hanger.
- Spread nut butter or cooking lard all over surface of the toilet paper tube.
- Roll the toilet paper tube through a bowl of birdseed.



#### **Orange half birdfeeder:**

- Gather up an orange, something pointy (to poke holes through the orange rind) string or twine, nut butter or lard and birdseed.
- Cut your orange in half and remove (and eat) the fruit. Be careful not to rip or tear the orange rind.
- Poke 4 holes around the orange and thread a length of string through each hole.
- Gather the 4 lengths of string a tie a secure knot. Make sure each length of string is even, so you can hang the orange like a bowl from the knot.
- Fill the orange with a mixture of nut butter or cooking lard and birdseed.

