

Activity

Pine Cone Feeder

Sometimes birds need help with food, especially in winter.
Here is a bird feeder you can make at home:

You will need:

- a pine cone (put in a warm place to open)
- lard
- an apple
- a handful of bird seed
- string
- a bowl and fork
- a knife to cut the apple



The pine cone feeder can be hung from a tree branch or pole in the garden.

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1. Slide the string through the top scales of the cone. If the cone is not open, place in a warm place.



2. Tie the string around the scales and knot it tightly.



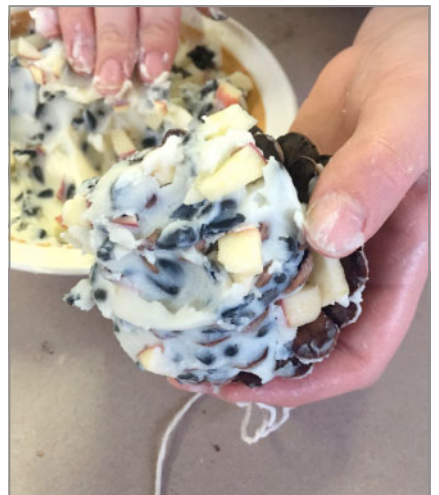
3. Mash the lard in a bowl using a fork.



4. Chop the apple into small pieces and add to the lard.



5. Add the bird seeds to the lard and mix everything in together.



6. Stuff the mixture into between the scales of the pine cone until completely full.

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