

# BIRD FEEDER ACTIVITY

## OUR NATIVE BIRDS

Many of our native birds eat nectar, seeds, fruit, and insects. You can help supplement their food by setting up a bird feeder in your garden.

Make sure feeding stations topped up regularly in winter and early spring when natural food sources are more limited



## THINGS YOU MIGHT NEED

- Bird seed
- Honey
- Hot Glue Gun
- Empty Milk bottles or cartons
- An adult to help
- String & Ribbon
- Scissors
- Non toxic paint



## WHAT DO BIRDS LIKE TO EAT

Birds like eating lots of different types of foods including

- Insects, worms, and grubs
- Seeds, grasses, and plants
- Nectar and pollen
- Nuts, fruit, and berries



## KEEPING BIRDS SAFE

It is important to make sure your backyard is a safe place for birds to visit.



- Set traps to control introduced predators like rats, stoats, and possums.
- Keep your cat inside, particularly at night
- Put any feed stations well out of reach of introduced predators.
- Clean your feeder regularly to avoid the spread of disease.
- Provide water, particularly in summer, so birds are able to stay hydrated.



## THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

There is probably a lot around the house that you could use.

- old cups and saucers
- Paper towel roll
- cookie cutters
- Empty Milk bottles or cartons
- Pine cones and branches