



APRIL ACTIVITY SHEET

Use this activity sheet to explore the **museum world** in a whole new way!

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While the museum is closed to protect against the spread of COVID-19, we hope you'll continue exploring our natural world. This month, dedicate some time to observing birds through a window or a safe outdoor space. Birds have quirky habits and can be very entertaining!

Use recycled materials to build a bird feeder like the ones below to encourage even more birds to flock to your outdoor space. Then use the key on the back of this page to help identify the birds you see. You can find even more species at vireo.ansp.org.

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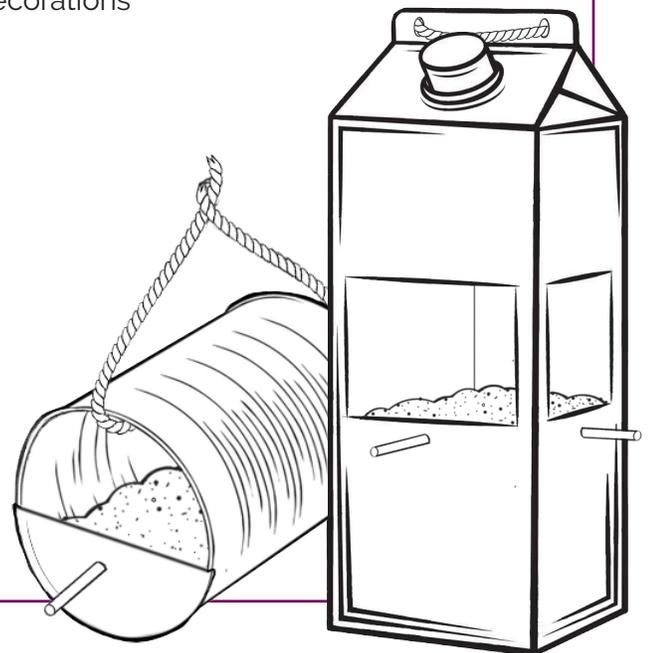
You can reuse many materials to build a cute and useful bird feeder. Check out your recycle bin for a coffee can or milk carton. Then plan out and craft a bird feeder for your outdoor space.

Supplies:

- an empty coffee can with lid
OR an empty milk/juice carton
- bird seed
- wooden dowels or skewers
- marker or bold pen
- craft knife or box cutter (and a grown up to help with cutting)
- twine or heavy yarn
- acrylic paint, craft paper, glue and other decorations

Crafting tips:

1. If using a carton, use a marker to draw the designs of what you would like to cut before cutting.
2. Plan how you will hang the bird feeder from a hook or branch. Cut the twine to the right size.
3. Ask an adult to help you carefully cut your shapes from the carton, or cut the plastic lid of the coffee can in half.
4. Place wooden dowels or skewers to help the birds perch to eat.
5. Get creative and decorate your feeder.
6. If you used paint or glue, let it dry, then fill your feeder with bird seed and put it out for your feathered friends!



BIRD IDENTIFICATION

As you spot birds, use this page featuring some of the most commonly found birds around Philadelphia to identify the species. You can find more species (more than 7,300!) on vireo.ansp.org. If you and your family would like to learn more about how you can report your bird sightings to help scientists, visit ebird.org and birds.cornell.edu/k12.



American Robin



Blue Jay



Carolina Chickadee



Downy Woodpecker



European Starling



House Finch



Northern Cardinal



Tufted Titmouse



White-breasted Nuthatch



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