

SCIENCE

FROM HOME



Homemade Birdcall

Whether it's in the city, the suburbs or the woods, birds are everywhere! Sometimes it can be hard to find them though. Scientists and researchers use birdcalls to entice them closer or to a more visible perch. With your own birdcall, you too can see what's in your area!

Know before you begin

- This activity can be done inside by a window or outside
- All supplies are easy to find
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space to try

Materials

- One clothespin
- Three rubber bands
- Electrical tape

Instructions

- Separate the two halves of the clothespin and safely discard the metal spring.
- Wrap each end of both halves of the clothespin with electrical tape a few times.
- Put the first rubber band around the outside of one of the clothespin halves. Be sure it can still stretch.
- Put the other clothespin half on to the first with the flat sides facing each other.
- Secure each end together tightly with the other two rubber bands.
- Blow through the middle of the clothespin halves onto the stretched rubber band to make your bird call, pull it to adjust the pitch.