

PINE CONE BIRD FEEDER

- A large, open pine cone
- Vegetable shortening, lard or suet
- Oats or corn meal
- Bird seed
- A few feet of string

Tie enough string for someone to tie the pinecone on a tree branch. Cover the pine cone with the food mixture below.

Roll the pinecone in birdseed and then hang from a tree outside.

Food Mixture: Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable shortening, lard, or suet with $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups cornmeal or uncooked oats until well blended. Optional: add dried fruit (chopped up), chopped nuts, seeds (especially sunflower and millet), and/or suet, which are high-energy bird foods.

In place of pinecones, you may use apple slices (sliced across a whole large apple) or dried day-old bread. Poke a hole in the apple slice or bread for the string. Bread should be dried (can be done in a low oven, too).

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