

# How To - Make a Pinecone Bird Feeder



## Better Habitats

Did you know that bird feeders are a good way to attract more birds into your garden?

By providing food and water, you can also help birds find enough food, especially in winter, when there are less seeds, berries and insects available.

### You will need:

- Twine or string
- Pinecones
- A jar of peanut butter (crunchy or smooth)
- Bird seed
- Scissors
- A spoon or knife
- A small container, such as a bowl



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**Step 1:** Cut a length of string to approximately 50cm long.

**Step 2:** Secure the string by pulling it between one of the rows of scales near the top or bottom of the pinecone and secure with a knot.

**Step 3:** Pour some bird seed into the container.

**Step 4:** Using your knife or spoon, coat the pinecone with peanut butter, then roll in the seeds, pressing them into the butter until it is thoroughly covered.

**Step 5:** Tie your feeder to a tree branch and look out for our feathered friends!

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Sherwood Forest is a mosaic of habitats with heathland, oak-birch woodland and wood pasture, alongside extensive areas of arable farmland and commercial conifer plantations. However, there has been significant loss of heathland since the 1920s.

This project will work on two main sites: Budby South Forest in the north of the Miner2Major area, and sites surrounding the former Rufford Colliery in the centre of the scheme area.

We aim to improve the condition of, and link together, existing habitats for the benefit of Sherwood's wildlife.

To find out more about the Miner2Major work with Better Habitats visit:

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