

# BUILD a bird feeder



There are more than 500 different types of wild bird in the UK, many of which like to visit gardens and local parks. **Why not make a bird feeders?**

There are many ingredients you can use, but your feeder should contain suet or lard to make it set. If you are using suet, meat suet sets better than vegetable suet.



**STEP 1** Remove the flesh of half an orange, leaving the peel whole. Make holes in the bottom corners and pass string through them.

**STEP 2** Put all your ingredients in a mixing bowl and stir them together.

**STEP 3** If you are using it, pour warmed suet or lard over the ingredients and stir well. Remember, when heating or handling warmed suet or lard, always ask an adult to help you.



**STEP 4** Now carefully pour the mixture into your container.

**STEP 5** If you used suet, place the container in the fridge overnight to set. In the morning, take your feeders outside and hang them from trees in your garden or local park.



## Ingredients checklist

Here are examples of ingredients you could use which would give birds a wholesome meal.

- Breadcrumbs
- Cheese
- Fruit pieces (like apples, cranberries, grapes, raisins and sultanas)
- Oatmeal
- Wild bird seed

You could use other containers: half a tennis ball, a plastic cup or a pine cone would work just as well.