

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Where do you like to go when you want something to eat? Do you open your fridge or step into your pantry? Do you visit your school cafeteria? Do you pop into a store?

INVESTIGATE.

Everyone has habits—even animals—when it comes to finding food. Today, let's investigate which birds will make it a habit to visit your Birdy Buffet when they're hungry!

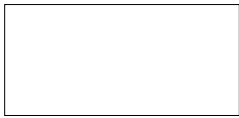
You'll need:

- Your Birdy Buffet
- Bird seed
- Notebook
- Paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue
- Drawing supplies

1. First, fill your Birdy Buffet with bird seed. Then place it in a secure spot outdoors where it is protected from the weather. For example, under a porch, a covered deck or a leafy tree where you think it's likely to attract lots of bird visitors! Make sure you pick a location that you can observe easily, too.

2. Get ready to put on your bird-watching hat! Grab your notebook and turn it into a bird diary, where you can record all your bird observations:

- First, create a page where you can keep track of when your Birdy Buffet doesn't have visitors. Include a title on this page, as well as space to list dates and times.
- Then use your drawing supplies to turn your other notebook pages into observation pages that you can use when you're observing your Birdy Buffet in action. We've provided one example here, but you may also have other ideas about details you would like to observe.
- No matter what, create templates on several pages so it's easy to make observations when the time comes.

Date: _____
Time of day: _____
Illustration:

Bird behaviors that I saw:

paper and cut it out. Then decorate it with bird-inspired designs. Be sure to also write your name and a title, like *Bird Diary*! When you're done, glue it on the front of your notebook.

INNOVATE.

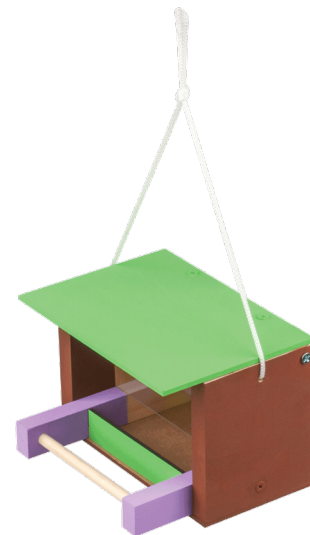
Now start observing your Birdy Buffet at least once a day. Each time, record your observations in your bird diary.

As the days go by, vary the times of your observations. You may notice more birds at certain times of the day or that different birds seem to come at specific times!

After you have recorded your observations for at least a week or two, look through everything you've written down. Are there any birds that seem to especially like your Birdy Buffet? Are there any times of day when birds seem particularly hungry?

Then decide if there are any changes you would like to make to your Birdy Buffet. For example: Could you try filling it with another kind of bird food? Or, could you put it in a new location? Use your bird diary notes to help you decide. Then continue your observations!

Share a photo of your Birdy Buffet during one of your daily observations using #kidsworkshopexplore.



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