

Decorate a Christmas Tree for the Birds

Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to teach students that birds need shelter, food, and water, and to attract birds by providing what they need.

Materials

- A tree
- String
- Large needles
- Cranberries
- Popped popcorn
- Pine cones
- Peanut butter
- Bird seeds
- Small donuts
- Apples, carrots, Indian corn
- A container of water



Procedure

1. Choose a tree that you can see from your classroom window and decorate it. A discarded Christmas tree can be placed in a bucket of sand.
2. Have students string cranberries and popped popcorn on long pieces of string.
3. Tie a string to the top of each pinecone. Spread pinecones with peanut butter, and roll them in birdseed.
4. Collect small donuts, apples, carrots, and Indian corn that can be hung on a tree. Have students attach string to each one.
5. Get additional ideas from students.
6. Decorate the tree by draping the strings of popcorn and cranberries over the branches.
7. Hang the other decorations on the other branches.
8. Place a container of water on the ground near the tree.
9. Watch as the birds enjoy the food, shelter, and water that was provided.

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