

Bird Table

In this activity you will learn how to make a simple bird table and nesting box for your garden.

What do we need to start?

- Scissors
- Hammer and nails
- Old wooden broom-handle
- Lid of a biscuit tin or similar plastic lid.



1. You will find it interesting and a lot of fun to watch and identify the birds in your garden. Gardens with flowers, shrubs, bushes and trees are good feeding and breeding areas for birds. Providing there are not too many cats and other things to frighten birds, they can be attracted out into the open with food placed on a bird table or by hanging nuts and seeds onto the bough of a tree.

2. A bird table can be very simple to make from recycled materials that will not cost a thing. Garden birds will appreciate food scraps in cold, frosty weather.

3. Carefully nail a 20 to 30cm tin or plastic lid on to an old wooden broom handle and push it into some soft ground in the garden near the house where the birds can easily be observed feeding. There may be a fence in the garden and a lid etc can be nailed to the top of a post for the same effect. Place some bread, biscuits, seeds and nuts onto the flat surface and very shortly the visitors will arrive. Keep the food fresh and don't let it get soggy and stale. Food that falls from the table and accumulates on the ground can encourage rats and mice and should be removed. In gardens with trees you may attract squirrels, fascinating to watch but they may take all the food and keep the birds away.

4. This suggestion for a bird table is only for temporary use and it should be thrown away or replaced at the end of the season.

5. If you don't have the time to make a bird table, you can buy a bird feeder in any supermarket or pet shop. Simply fill with seeds or nuts and hang in a suitable position.

