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**What in the World?:**

Feed the Birds

**What do you need?:**

A bird book or internet, bird feeder, birdseed, paper or a journal.

**What you do:**

Put bird seed in either a purchased or homemade bird feeder. For the youngest children, simply watching for birds at the feeder will be exciting. For preschoolers and older, document your findings by taking pictures, writing the words, or making a chart. If using a chart, you can tally the kinds of birds that were observed. Older children might research birds in books or on the internet at [www.nbr.nbs.gov](http://www.nbr.nbs.gov) - Bird identification Center (you can even hear bird songs from this site). Make a bird journal with your pictures and results. Have your child note if he sees any differences in varieties of birds in different seasons.

**Tips:**

The more excitement you show about the birds that are in your yard, the more interest your child will show.

**Value:**

Our World— Connection to the natural world.

Science Rocks — Learning about birds, observation, hypothesis formation, curiosity, content knowledge about birds – food preferences, characteristics, etc.

Math Counts — Measuring, counting, charting.

**Variations:**

1.) Playing with birdseed is a fun sensory experience.

2.) Use binoculars to observe birds closely. Go on walks to find different types of birds. Notice birds when you go on vacation in other regions. Are the birds at the beach the same at your house? Why not?

**We did it!**

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