

Build a Milk Carton Bird Feeder



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What is a Bird Feeder?

A birdfeeder is placed outdoors to supply bird food to birds. Most bird feeders supply seeds or bird food, such as millet, sunflower (oil and striped), safflower, Niger seed, and rapeseed or canola seed to seed-eating birds.

Installing a bird feeder is a great way to attract birds to your home for birdwatching and enjoyment!

Top Benefits for People & Birds



Bird feeding helps you experience nature

A bird feeder gives you the opportunity to observe nature, taking a little break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Enjoy the sounds of wild birds chirping in the trees after visiting your feeder. Get help identifying birds from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's All About Birds website: allaboutbirds.org/guide/.



Bird feeding encourages healthy birds

Birds in areas with backyard bird feeders are in overall better health than birds in places without feeders. Feeders supplement natural food sources, proving birds with a reliable source of food.



Bird feeders provide food during cold, barren months

Some bird species don't migrate during the colder months, so these backyard birds benefit from year-round access to bird feeders. When scarce food sources are covered in snow, bird feeders provide an important and easily accessible food supply for winter birds.

Make Cardboard Carton Bird Feeder

Adult supervision required

Supplies

- 1 milk or juice carton
- Scissors
- Pen or marker
- Paper clip
- Sticks or small dowels
- String or twine
- Acrylic paint or paint pens
- Paint brushes
- Decorations recycled from household materials, crafts, or nature
- Craft or hot glue
- Bird seed

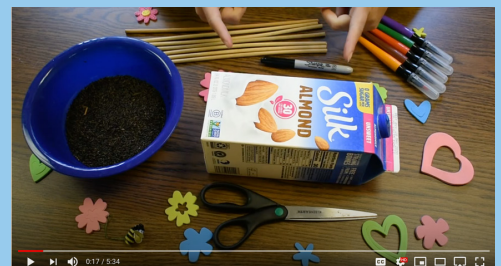
Steps

- 1** Cut a large hole in the center of each side of the carton, starting several inches from the bottom.
- 2** Beneath these large holes, cut a small holes to poke the sticks or dowels through. This will provide perches for dining birds.
- 3** Cut two small holes on either side of the top of the carton to thread the rope or wire through (if your carton has a spout, you can use this for one of the holes).
- 4** Paint and decorate your feeder. Want to make your backyard birds a cottage? An apartment building? Use your imagination!
- 5** Fill your feeder with birdseed. (Learn more about what types of seed attract different birds in the *Audubon Guide to Birdseed*.)
- 6** Hang your feeder in a spot about five feet from the ground, preferably with a good view from your window.



How-to Video

Watch this video from Teaneck Creek Conservancy to learn how to make a milk carton bird feeder!



[youtube.com/watch?v=3F5PhyxS7-0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3F5PhyxS7-0)

Sources

Activities and information for this activity were sourced from the following resources:

[EverythingBirds](#)

[National Audobon Society](#)

[Teaneck Creek Conservancy](#)

[Toyota 2050 Challenges](#)

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In October 2015, Toyota announced the [Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050](#). Since then Toyota's has been striving to reduce the environmental burden attributed to automobiles to as close to zero as possible, while developing measures to contribute positively to the earth and its societies with the aim of achieving a sustainable society. This activity directly aligns with two of Toyota's 2050 Challenges:

Challenge 5 Establishing a Recycling-based Society and Systems

Due to global population increase along with the pressure for economic growth and convenient lifestyles, the pace of resource consumption is accelerating. If large-scale exploitation continues as it is, natural resources will be depleted, and if waste increases due to mass consumption, appropriate disposal will be unable to keep pace, resulting in risks of environmental pollution.

Challenge 6 Establishing a Future Society in Harmony with Nature

It is critical for humans to conserve forests and other natural environments in all regions for coexistence in harmony with nature. However, deforestation is progressing across the world, resulting in the fragmentation of diverse living creature habitats, as well as the continuing loss of biodiversity. This entails a number of issues including the loss of biological resources that are essential for society, causing natural

disasters, and spurring global warming, and we believe that it poses a risk to the potential for the sustainability of the entire society.

The graphic features the text "TOYOTA ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE 2050" in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the text is a circular icon containing a silhouette of a person sitting on a globe. Below the main text is a horizontal row of six colored boxes, each representing a challenge. Below these boxes is a row of six icons corresponding to each challenge.

CHALLENGE 1	CHALLENGE 2	CHALLENGE 3	CHALLENGE 4	CHALLENGE 5	CHALLENGE 6
New vehicle Zero CO ₂ Emissions Challenge	Life Cycle Zero CO ₂ Emissions Challenge	Plant Zero CO ₂ Emissions Challenge	Challenge of Minimizing and Optimizing Water Usage	Challenge of Establishing a Recycling-based Society and Systems	Challenge of Establishing a Future Society in Harmony with Nature
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