


Classroom Environmental Education Activity:
Seed Spreaders

Materials:

- Plastic Spoons or Butter Knives
- Sunflower/Peanut Butter
- Brown Paper Bag
- [Wooden Ornament Cut-Outs](#)
- Bird Seeds
- Paper Plates
-  **BirdIdentificationGuide.pdf**

Activity Prep:

1. Utilize the strings provided with the wooden ornaments by threading them through the holes and tying them into loops big enough for hanging.

Designate an area to layout the materials in the following order for easy student access:

2. Set out the variety of wooden ornament cutouts with strings attached.
3. Pour a thick layer of bird seeds onto a paper plate.
4. Open the sunflower/peanut butter.
5. Provide students with one plastic spoon or knife, a paper plate, a brown paper bag, and a bird identification guide.

Discussion Points:

- Facilitate a discussion on the types of birds that might be attracted to the feeders.
- Emphasize the role of birds as consumers in the local ecosystem.
- Highlight how providing food through bird feeders contributes to the well-being of bird populations.

Student Instructions:

6. Have students come up to the materials area with their paper plate and plastic utensil. Have the students select an ornament shape of their choice as the base for their bird feeder.
7. Place the ornament on the paper and spread peanut butter onto the base.
8. Press the peanut butter-covered base in bird seeds until well-coated.
9. Place the ornament back onto the empty paper plate and return to their seat.
10. Have students place their bird feeder into their brown paper bag to transport home.
11. Hang the bird feeders in suitable outdoor locations.