



## TAKE A BIRD TO LUNCH



Setting up a feeding station is a great way to watch birds. Here are a few ideas for how to make some simple feeders using inexpensive materials you can find around the house. On the back, we've also included a few activity ideas you might want to try.

Once you set up a feeding station, it'll take the birds a little while to know it's there. But as soon as they find it, they'll keep coming back as long as you keep it stocked with food. For more bird feeding ideas, check the bibliography on page 63.

### PLASTIC JUG FEEDER

Use milk or juice with screw-on lid. Be sure it's clean.

Use other sharp objects to punch holes. Use wire cutters or scissors.

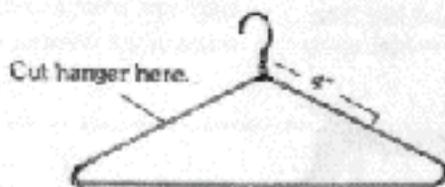
Use a dowel, 3/16" (5 mm) in diameter and about 9" (23 cm) long.

Use a clothes hanger.

1. Trace the outline of the jar lid onto opposite sides of the plastic jug, at least 1 1/2" (4 cm) from the bottom. Use sharp scissors to cut out the circles.
2. To make a perch, use the nail to poke a hole 1/2-1" (1.3-2.5 cm) under each circle. Insert the dowel so that it passes

- through one hole, fit out the hole on the other side.
3. Poke several small holes in the bottom of the jug so rainwater can drain.
4. Cut a clothes hanger in half with the wire cutters (see diagram). The wire should be at least 4" (10 cm) from the base of the hook. Bend the wire so it looks like diagram B.
5. Use the nail to poke a hole (2.5 cm) from the bottom of the jug on the same side as the first hole.
6. Push the ends of the dowel through the holes. Adjust the hanger so the feeder hangs evenly. Make sure the hanger doesn't slip out.
7. Screw the lid on the jug. Your feeder is ready to use.

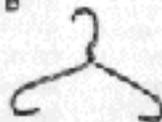
Diagram A



Push perch through both holes.



Diagram B



Bend hanger to this shape.

### WOODEN FORM FEEDER

Use a board, at least 12" (30 cm) square. Use pieces of wood, about 2" (5 cm) wide and as long as one side of the flat board. Use a nail and post-hole digger.

1. Drill several holes in the board for drainage.
2. Cut the thin pieces of wood into lengths to match each side of the board. Nail or glue them in place (see diagram).
3. Nail the feeder to the top of an old stump or a post-hole digger.

