

You are invited to participate in a Grand Nest Adventure!

This week we are excited to see some spring birds returning.
Choose to do one or all of the activities below, to learn more about birds in our area.



Here are your Grand Adventure choices!

Option #1: Help birds build a nest!

1. Go on a search for materials. Good choices are:

- Thicker String or Yarn, in natural colors and materials only. (dyed or artificial materials are toxic)
- Weed stems or leaves- help pull some weeds from the garden, or collect dried leaves
- Milk weed and cat tail fluff
- Cloth Scraps from natural material fabric: cotton, wool, or burlap
- Pine needles
- Straw and hay
- Small twigs
- Grass
- Cut the materials into Snippets! A length of 3 inches or shorter will keep birds from getting tangled, and be perfect for building nests.



2. Leave the materials in a spot, preferably under shelter from rain, and near or under a tree or bush. Birds like to stay close to where they feel safe. If you leave it in a spot visible from your window, you can observe whether birds come to collect!

3. Take a photo of your collection to share with the class.



Option #2: Go bird watching, make a picture or list!

Sit in your yard, watch out a window, or go for a walk. Watch and listen for birds!
Use binoculars if you have some!

- Make a picture of the birds you see. Or, an adult can pre-draw or print some coloring sheets of common birds and observe with child what colors the birds you see are, and children can color.
- Or make a list of the types of birds you see, or what the bird calls you hear sound like.
- Try calling back to them! Try to identify unknown birds later, or print a checklist.
- Save your pictures and lists to share with the class!

Option #3: Make a Bird Treat!

Make a bird treat! There are many recipes online using household ingredients. Here are some ideas:

- Spread natural peanut butter, or other nut butters, or suet, lard, or vegetable shortening onto a pine cone, a toilet paper tube, or bread cut into shapes with a cookie cutter and toasted. Leave as is, or coat with seeds, crushed nuts, healthy cereal, or dried fruits.
- Hang with yarn or twine or on a bird feeder, in your yard, or go for a hike and hang it in the woods.
- Take a photo, with or without birds! If a squirrel finds your treat instead of birds, that's okay!

