



# Snow Sculptures & More For the Birds

Most birds need three types of food in the wintertime: fat, fruit, and fuel. You can provide a special treat for the birds and other wildlife by creating a snow sculpture and some easy-to-make snacks using fruits, seeds, and popcorn.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Proper outdoor winter clothing with boots that will keep you warm and dry
- A location with trees and snow where birds like to gather to feed
- Several pipe cleaners or kitchen twine with a large rounded needle
- Any of the following: popped popcorn, fresh cranberries, whole carrots, slices of apples and/or oranges, grapes, sunflower seeds, cracked corn, and a block of suet

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR A SNOW SCULPTURE FOR THE BIRDS

1. When there is snow on the ground, go to an outdoor space with trees where you have seen wintering birds gather to feed.
2. Try to make a snowball. If it packs well, you could make a tall structure like a snowperson or even a snow deer. If the snow doesn't form a ball that sticks together, you can make a structure low to the ground like a turtle or an octopus. Use your imagination!
3. Once you have made your structure, use your food items to decorate it. Think about which animals might come nibble at your structure and what food they would like best. Don't forget to take a photo!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIRD FOOD "ORNAMENTS"

1. Slide all your fruits and even popcorn pieces onto either pipe cleaners or twine.
2. Hang from tree branches.
3. Find a spot a good distance from your site and watch to see what happens!