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GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:
Hummingbird Feeders

OVERVIEW:

Hummingbirds are important pollinators. They have great eyesight and are very attracted to bright red flowers, and love sugar water!

MATERIALS:

- Waterproof glue
- Jar with lid, or bottle with cap, or red frisbee
- Nail
- Straw
- String
- Sugar water
- Red paint or red construction paper/scissors
- Wire

HUMMINGBIRD NECTAR

Mix 1/2 cup sugar with 1 cup hot water. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Add 1 cup cold water. You can keep extra nectar in the fridge for up to 2 weeks!



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Ages: 6 - 13

Time: 20 - 45 minutes

PROCEDURE

Option 1: Baby Food Jar Hummingbird Feeder

Use a nail to poke a 1/8-inch (3-mm) hole in the lid of a clean baby food jar. (Ask an adult to help.) Fill the jar with sugar water and screw on the lid. Add red paint or paper flowers around the hole to attract the birds' attention. Attach wire around the lid to hang the feeder.

Option 2: Plastic Bottle Feeder

In a clean plastic bottle, make a hole about 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the cap. Push a plastic straw through the hole. Fill the bottle with water, turn it upside down, and adjust the straw until water fills it up without spilling out. Empty the bottle and glue the straw in place with waterproof glue. Tie a string around the bottle to hang it, and add a circle of red paint or red paper flowers around the straw.

Option 3: Frisbee Feeder

Turn a red frisbee upside down and fill it with sugar water. If not red, decorate it with red paper flowers. Simply set the frisbee on a table, or poke holes at the top of the rim and attach wire to hang it.

GET CREATIVE:

Decorate your feeder with bright colours and cut out flowers to attract your hummingbird. Place your hummingbird feeder in a shady area - look for a place with trees or bushes nearby to give hummingbirds somewhere to hide and rest between visits.

Change the nectar often in summer - sugar water spoils quickly in the heat! Every few days, be sure to scrub your feeder clean, rinse it thoroughly, and refill.