

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEED BALLS

With the launch of our sensory garden we hope to attract more wild birds to our museum. Follow our step by step guide to learn how to make bird feed balls to encourage more birds to come to your garden too!

What you will need:

- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon
- String
- Lard
- Dry ingredients—wild bird seed, uncooked porridge oats (it's important that they aren't cooked), currants and sultanas, bread and cake crumbs, grated cheese and peanuts are all ideal.



Your Task:

Step 1: Decide which dry ingredients you want to use and mix them together.

Step 2: Cut your lard into small chunks then, in a bowl, combine with your dry ingredients until the mixture sticks together. Add more dry ingredients/lard as necessary. Fat balls tend to work best with one part fat to two parts dry mixture.

Step 3: Roll your mixture into chunky balls. Tie a big knot in your string or twine, then thread into the mixture, ensuring the knot is fully surrounded by the mixture.

Step 4: Place the balls in the fridge to set for a few hours (overnight if possible) until they're hard.

Step 5: Hang your fat balls outside by tying the string or twine on a tree. You can also make balls without string to fill your fat ball feeder.

Step 6: Wait for your feathered friends to come!