Build a bird feeder for local wildlife.

**Materials**
- Pine cone
- Peanut butter
- Bird seed
- String

**Procedure**
- Tie the end of the string to the top of the pine cone leaving enough string left over to hang the pine cone from a tree or overhang.
- Coat the pine cone in peanut butter then roll it in bird seed so that the seeds stick to the pine cone.
- Hang your pine cone on a tree branch or from an overhang. If you hang it near a window, make sure it is less than three feet away from the window or more than 30 feet away to avoid collisions.
- Watch the birds stop by for a snack!

**Results**
You have built an easy bird feeder for birds to find and use for food.

**Why?**
Birds forage in the wild for food, but a bird feeder is a fun way to provide them with an easy meal while getting to observe several different types of birds! Birds use their specialized feet to hang onto the pinecone while they pick seeds off the sticky surface. They use their beaks to crack the seeds open and eat them. Different birds have different types of beaks, adapted to eat bugs, seeds, berries, nectar, or even small rodents. Birds that like to eat seeds have shorter, triangular shaped beaks.

To learn more about bird adaptations, check out the Natural History galleries at the Pink Palace Museum.