

Upcycled Hummingbird Feeder

Hummingbirds, like the Green Mango, are beautiful birds and you will definitely love seeing them in your yard. There are many ways to attract hummingbirds to your yard. **You can plant flowers and trees or even provide water for them.** Because they have a fast metabolism; hummingbirds have a high demand for nectar. **If you supply nectar with flowers or provide it with feeders you will surely attract hummingbirds.** What is more, these birds are loyal and once they find a habitat that satisfies their needs, they will faithfully return!

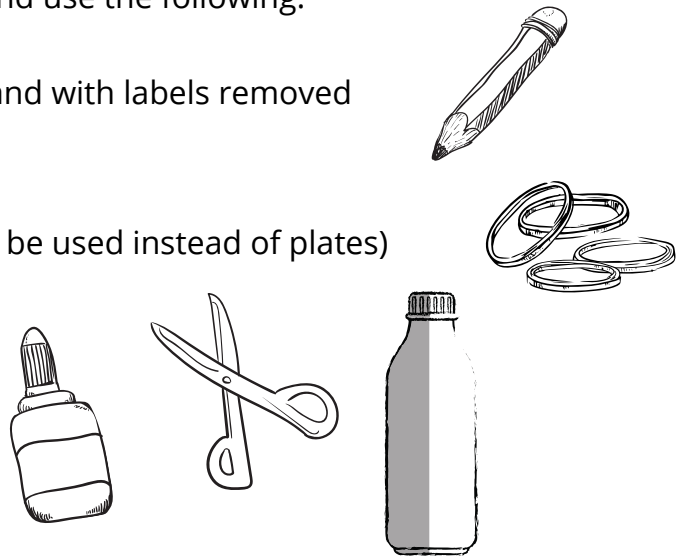
Here is a simple-to-make hummingbird feeder that will keep your backyard birds happy and well fed.



Green Mango.

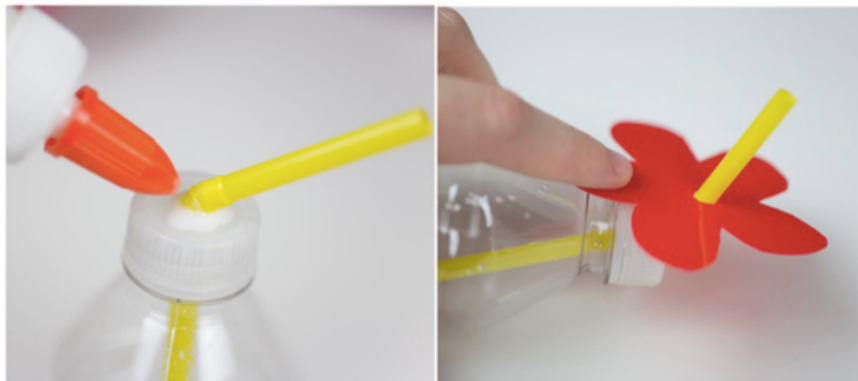
You will need an adult to help you find and use the following:

- 3 small plastic water bottles, empty and with labels removed
- 3 yellow drinking straws with a bend
- 3 disposable plastic red plates
- (red ribbons or red bottle covers can be used instead of plates)
- Electric drill
- Hole punch
- 12 gauge craft wire
- Rubber band
- White glue
- Scissors



Now that you've got all the materials you are ready to begin!

1. Trace the cap of a bottle onto the red plate. Cut around the traced circle to create a flower shape.
2. Repeat step 1 using the other two plates.
3. Create a hole, using the drill, in the top of each bottle cap wide enough for a straw to fit through.
4. Punch a hole in the center of each red plastic flower and thread each one onto the end of a straw. Insert the straw into the cap of a bottle and seal with white glue. Make sure the bend of the straw is just outside the cap opening so the straw bends at an angle as it comes out of the bottle.
5. Arrange the flower so it is at the end of the straw's bend to attract the hummingbirds. Glue in place. Remember you will need to remove the cap to pour nectar into the bottles, so keep that in mind as you apply the glue!



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6. Allow to properly dry overnight.

7. Once set, wrap the wire around the neck of a bottle, then pull it up to create a hanger for the bottle.

8. You can attach all three of our bottles together in a pyramid, as seen in the photo, to create a buffet to attract lots of hummingbirds!

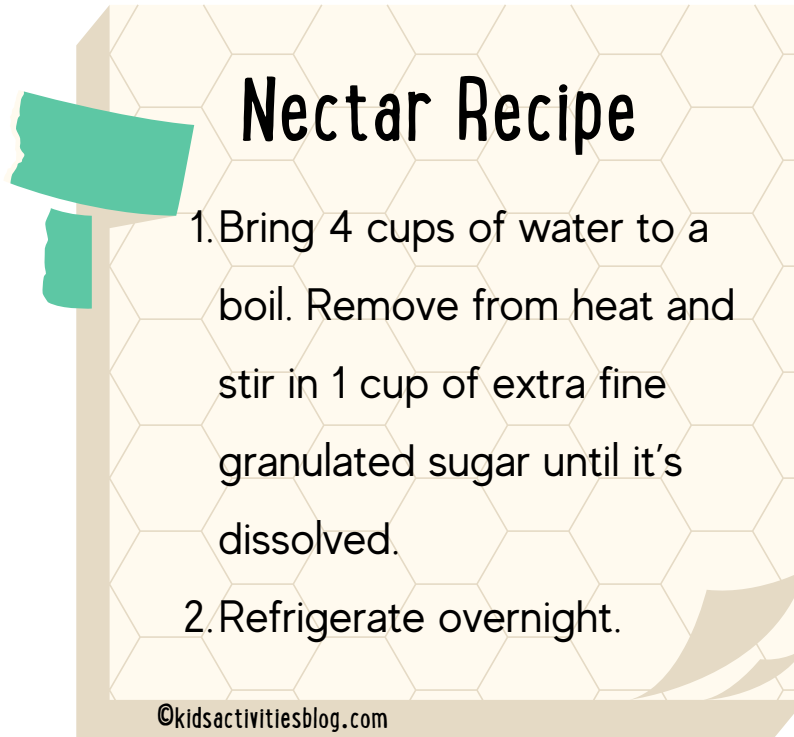
9. Tie the rubber band at the top to hold the bottles together.

10. Add the nectar (recipe below) to each bottle and trim both ends of your straws so that they allow water to flow just inside the straw.

11. You will want to hang the water bottle feeder about 5 feet above the ground from a tree, post or porch beam.



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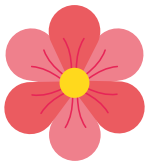


Nectar Recipe

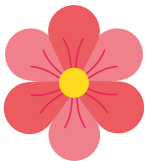
1. Bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup of extra fine granulated sugar until it's dissolved.
2. Refrigerate overnight.

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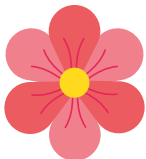
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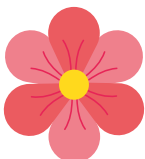
Remember to change the nectar frequently- twice or more times a week.



Keep the hummingbird feeder clean. You can use hot tap water to clean it.



Hang the feeder in a shady spot.



Do not use red dyes/food coloring in the hummingbird nectar because they could be toxic to the birds.