

OPERATION FOOD DROP

Bay-breasted-Cuckoos feed their chicks cicadas and lizards. They fly back and forth from the nest, many times a day, to feed their chicks. They do this until the chicks are ready to leave the nest!



In this fun game we want you to imagine having this daily routine. It will take some speed and dexterity to help you feed your baby birds.

YOUR MISSION WILL BE TO DELIVER AS MANY "LIZARDS" TO THE "NEST" AS YOU CAN IN ONE (1) MINUTE OR MORE, DEPENDING UPON HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS THERE ARE.

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

1. "Nests" - this can be cups, bowls, or other containers.
2. "Lizards" - this can be gummies, raisins, nuts, popcorn or any other snack item.
Please remember to note food allergies when choosing a snack item.
3. "Beaks" - pairs of chopsticks, tweezers, clothes pins, spoons or forks.
4. Tables or designated locations - where the "lizards" will be located and the "nests." You will want to place the "lizards" six (6) feet or more away from the "nests."

With your "beak", pick up a "lizard", run to the "nest" while flapping your arms like a bird and drop it in the container, then run back to the starting place and hand off your "beak" to a teammate, or just continue to pick up insects one by one if it's only two people playing.

When time is called, whoever has the most amount of "lizards" in their "nest" is the winner.

* **Variation:** You may place obstacles in between the tables like basketballs and footballs to make it more challenging.