

Seed Log for Birds

All Ages

Treat the birds in your neighbourhood with this easy-to-make seed log, which will not melt in warmer weather.



Supplies: - to make one small log

- ◇ A tin can (796ml/28 oz) or 2l soda bottle with both ends removed. Line with waxed or parchment paper.
- ◇ A large bowl and wooden spoon for mixing
- ◇ Recycled plastic lid (yogurt type) to fit over tin can end, punch a small hole in the centre for the wire to go through
- ◇ Wire and a long pencil or chopstick
- ◇ 3 cups assorted birdseed—see *Bird Feed Basics* for ideas on the best feed for the birds in your area

- ◇ 1/2 cup dried chopped dried fruit and nuts
- ◇ 1 packet (1 Tbsp.) of gelatine in a small bowl
- ◇ 1/2 cup boiling water
- ◇ Small (340 ml/10 oz) tin can—for tamping down the seeds

Procedure:

1. Mix seed, fruit, and nuts in large bowl.
2. In a separate small bowl, add boiling water to gelatine and stir until dissolved.
3. Stir gelatin into seed mix to coat all the seeds.
4. Spoon seed mix into lined tin can resting on the plastic lid.
5. Use the smaller can to tightly pack down the seeds.
6. Stick the pencil into the centre of the seed mix to the bottom of the can. This will make a hole to thread through to hang it.
7. Let the gelatine/seed log set in the refrigerator overnight.
8. Once set, push the seed log out of the can. Gently running hot water over the outside of can will loosen the log.
9. Thread wire through the hole in the plastic lid. Secure the end or wrap it around a stick. Remove the pencil and thread the wire through the log. Make a loop in the wire for hanging.
10. Hang outside and protect from heavy rain.

