

## Hoop and loop bird feeders

Pour out a pile of hoops onto some flat trays or boards and place a pile of pipe cleaners in the middle. Students can thread hoops onto the pipe cleaners and then make any shape they desire. Try twisting pipe cleaners together to create larger structures.

Once finished, explore your grounds to discover the best place to hang your feeders. Consider where birds are and what makes a good place for them to eat, hang your feeders up and then watch to see if any birds come to snack on them!



## Extending the activity

Ask the students to create specific shapes with their pipe cleaners. Ask them to use specific colours when picking out their pipe cleaners. Why not draw out some shapes on a piece of card and get students to bend their pipe cleaners into these shapes.

Keep checking back to see where the popular eating spots are and how quickly the hoops get eaten. If possible repeat the activity and make sure you tidy up your old pipe cleaners, refill if they are ok or put them in the bin.

How many different birds are visiting your feeders?

