



Let's Make Bird Snacks!

One way to attract birds is to make bird cookies and put them outside.



1. Collect these ingredients:

3/4 cup flour

1/2 cup water

3 tablespoons corn syrup

1 packet gelatin

4 cups birdseed

2. Combine all ingredients and mix well.
3. Press the birdseed dough into small paper cups, cookie cutters, or silicone molds.
4. If you want to hang the bird cookies from a branch, insert a skewer through the dough to make a hole for string.
5. Let the dough dry overnight (with the skewer in place if you're making a hole).
6. Remove the snacks from their molds. Put or hang your cookies outside. To keep birds safe, make sure to put bird snacks in places that cats can't get to.



Now, grab your binoculars and sit quietly nearby. Watch the birds that nibble on the snacks. Bring a notebook and some colored pencils, markers, or crayons. Draw the birds you see.



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Let's Make a Hummingbird Feeder!

Work with a grown-up to make a hummingbird feeder. Then you'll be able to see hummingbirds up close in nature!

1. Collect these materials around the house:

1 red plastic plate
scissors
glue
twine (or yarn or ribbon)

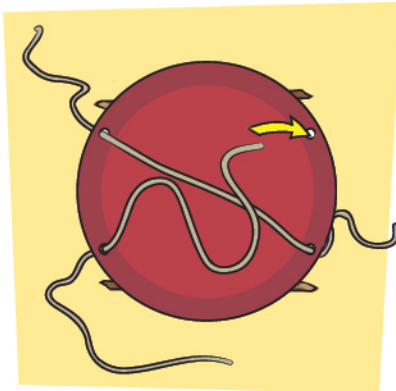
2. Go outside (with an adult) and collect two twigs that are about as long as the plate.

3. Ask an adult to cut four holes in the red plastic plate.

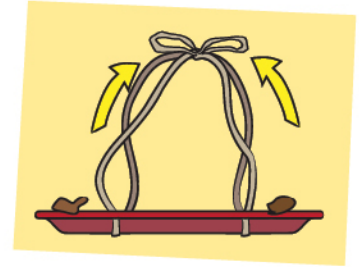
4. Glue the twigs to opposite sides of the plate.

Hummingbirds can perch on these twigs.

5. Take a long piece of twine and thread it through two opposite holes in the plate. Put a second piece of twine through the other two holes. (The two pieces of twine should crisscross on the underside of the plate.)



6. Tie the four ends of twine together.



7. Hang the feeder on a branch.



8. Pour sugary syrup (recipe below) onto the plate.

Sugary Syrup Recipe

Hummingbirds eat nectar, which is a sweet liquid made by flowers. To attract hummingbirds, you can make a sugary treat too!

1. Have a grown-up boil 1 cup of water.
2. Let it cool for a few minutes.
3. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of sugar to the hot water.
4. Use a wooden spoon to stir until the sugar has dissolved.
5. Let the mixture cool.



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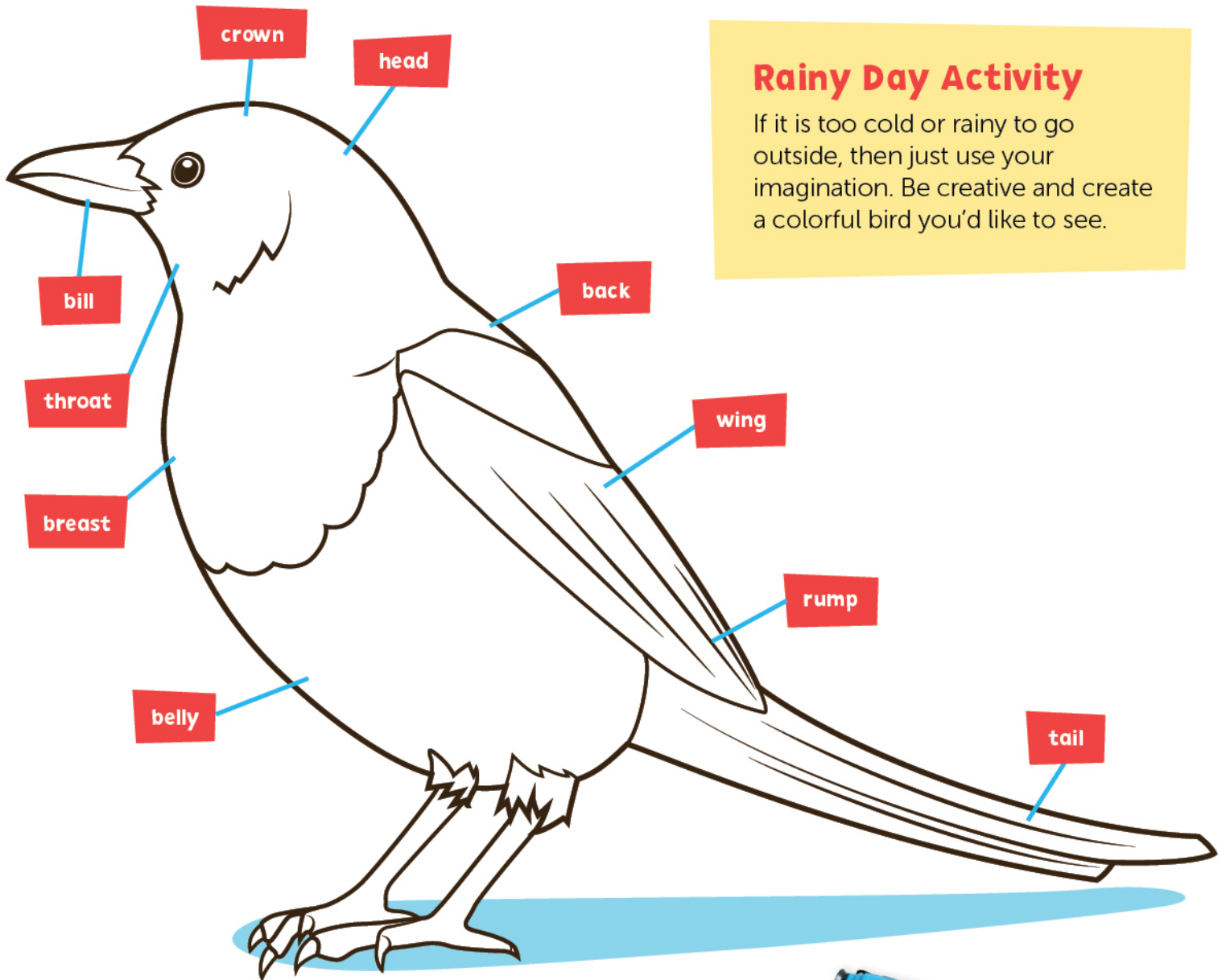


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Colorful Birds

Birds have many body parts—just like humans. The colors of the different body parts can help you identify the bird. Take this sheet on a nature walk. When you see a bird, look at its colors. Use crayons, pencils, or markers to color this picture to look like the bird you spotted.



Rainy Day Activity

If it is too cold or rainy to go outside, then just use your imagination. Be creative and create a colorful bird you'd like to see.



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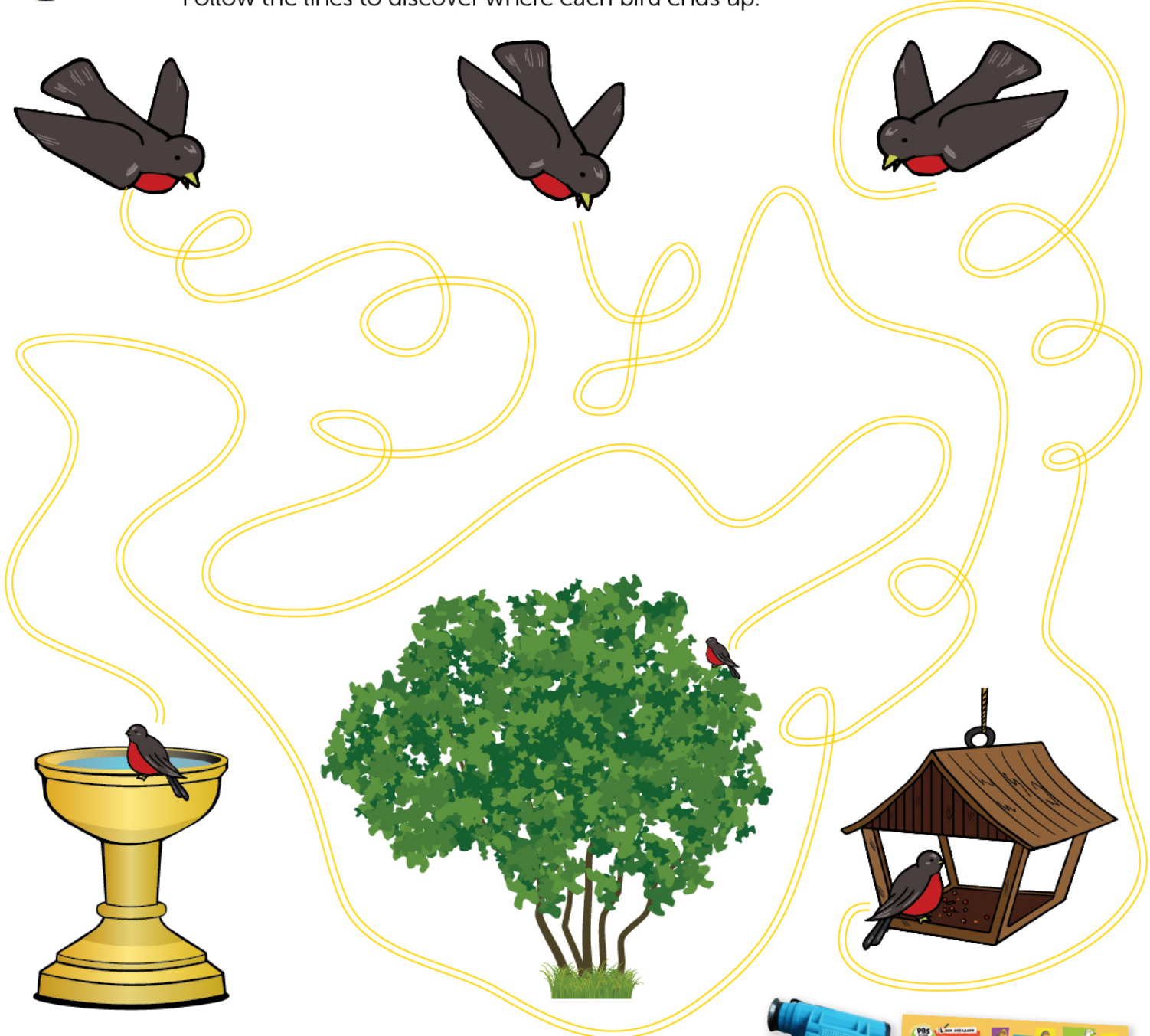




Follow the Bird's Path

Birds like to splash around in birdbaths. Birds like to eat the seeds in birdfeeders. Birds also like to perch in trees and shrubs.

Follow the lines to discover where each bird ends up.



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