



# Planes, Rain, and Atmosphere

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## Bird Feeding and Observation Station Instructions



Now that you have received your Bird Feeding and Observation Station, start by assembling the feeder station.

Have the class help assemble the feeder station following the instructions that are provided in the box. Select a quiet outdoor location for the station so that it can be viewed from the classroom windows, either within 3 feet of the windows or 30 or more feet from windows to avoid bird strikes into the glass. Go to <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/where-to-put-your-bird-feeder/> for information on where to set up your bird feeder station.



Have students build the bird feeder and the birdhouse from the kits. The students can also paint and decorate the outside of the bird feeder and birdhouse. Hang the feeder from one of the hooks on the feeder station pole. Place the birdhouse in an area that will shade the box during the day, and face the box opening to the northeast to avoid strong sunlight and the wettest winds. Make sure that the birds have a clear flight path to the birdhouse without any clutter directly in front of the entrance.



Students can also get creative by crafting and decorating their own bird feeders that they make from recycled items such as water bottles, juice or milk cartons, or tin cans!



<https://www.audubon.org/news/how-make-diy-bird-feeder-recycled-materials>  
<https://www.wetlandcenter.com/images/PDF/CraftcornerBirdFeederInstructions.pdf>



Feed birds with a good quality bird seed that will attract a variety of species. The black oil sunflower seed provided with the kit is a good choice. Go to <https://feederwatch.org/learn/feeding-birds/> for more information on what to feed birds.

Provide birds with plenty of fresh clean water.



**Be sure to keep your bird feeder station clean and safe for birds by following the guidance at <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/maintaining-your-classroom-feeder/>**



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***It is now time to watch and learn all about birds!!!***



Great Websites and Apps for identifying birds are:

<https://ebird.org/home>

<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

<https://www.audubon.org/app>



Educators can learn about the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Citizen Science projects, lessons, and activities for students in grades K-12 at:

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/citizen-science-for-educators>

Free downloads and resources that provide educators with lessons and guidebooks for exploring ornithology in the classroom and schoolyard can be found at:

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/free-resources-2/>



As you and your students are working on the STEAM Activity Kits, we encourage you to capture your student's participation, directly or indirectly, by taking photographs and sharing with DFW Airport your school's fun energy and positive vibes.

Email photos to the following address – [DFWearthday@dfwairport.com](mailto:DFWearthday@dfwairport.com)

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