

## What else can you do?

As well as catering for the mini-beasts in your garden it is important not to forget about our feathered friends.

Providing food for birds over the winter is another way you can contribute to looking after nature.

Here are some suggestions for making simple bird feeders at home:

### Toilet roll bird feeder

Take a toilet roll tube and cover it with a salt and sugar free peanut butter or softened lard. Next roll it in bird feed mix. Thread a loop of string through the tube and find somewhere in your garden to hang it.

### Apple bird feeder

Mix bird seed with either peanut butter or lard.

Wash the apples and cut in half lengthways and hollow out the insides with a spoon or knife. After the center is hollowed out, fill each apple with birdseed mixture.

To hang tie with a string round the length of the apple so it sits right in the crevasse of the stem. Make sure you tie it tight!



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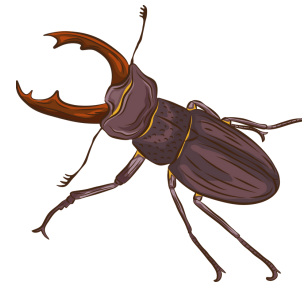
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## Why Build a Bug Hotel?

As winter draws in, many creatures are starting to look for warm, safe spaces to hide away. Building a bug hotel is a great way to provide somewhere for insect life and other small creatures to shelter in the colder months. It is also a great use of garden waste.

The materials used encourage and benefit different inhabitants which can be great to have living in your garden!

Loose bark, rotting wood and dry leaves  
Centipede, woodlouse and stag beetle



Tubes (hollow stems, bamboo cane)

Bees (Leaf cutter bee, mason bee, solitary bee), ground beetle and garden spider

Corrugated cardboard

Earwigs and lacewings (their larvae eat aphids)



Sticks, dry leaves and pinecones

Lady birds (they eat aphids too)

Stones and tiles

Frogs and toads (they eat slugs!)

