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## Migration Station

Migration is a journey that all animal groups undertake to avoid a climate's harsh season, find food or even go to a designated mating area. Birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and even fish take part in this annual event in some way, traveling short or long distances for an ideal area that better suits their needs. Here, in the Mid-Atlantic Region, many species of birds will stop to eat on the way to their winter homes. To assist them, this Science From Home gives you instructions to make a temporary feeder for the fall season. If you enjoyed this activity, consider purchasing more a permanent setup to help birds all year long.

### Know before you begin

- This activity can be done inside or outside, but the finished product must go outside.
- All supplies are easy to find
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space for this activity

### Materials

- A clean, used plastic milk carton
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- Pencil
- Bamboo skewers or sticks (straight sticks are recommended since they make better perches)
- Ruler or Tape Measure
- Optional Decorating supplies: Paper, glue, markers, popsicle sticks

### Instructions

- About two inches above the bottom of the carton, cut a straight line across the carton, leaving about an inch on either side.
- Cut a square opening about three to four inches high. The birdseed will go in the bottom. (Adults, consider doing these two steps before handing the rest of the activity over to children.)

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- Use a pencil or the bamboo skewer to poke a hole on either side of the carton about an inch below the opening. These holes will be for the skewers or sticks so the birds have a place to perch.
- Poke the skewer all the way through the carton to make sure the perch is straight and secure.
- Punch two holes in the top of the carton to attach yarn or paper clips so that the bird feeder can be hung.
- Bonus: Glue popsicle sticks to the top of the carton to make the top look like a roof and decorate with markers or by gluing on colored paper.

