

Dear THSC Friend,

Besides the fact that it is [National Adopt-a-Bird Month](#), as the weather gets colder and it gets harder for birds to find food, it's the perfect time to teach your homeschoolers how to do small acts of kindness for the "[least of these](#)."

"Winter is the perfect time to begin a bird study. If you're in a winter climate, the leafless trees, snow, and dormant vegetation provide a crisp backdrop for spotting birds. In moderate climates, your locale may be the recipient of migratory birds, providing an ideal opportunity to spot species that aren't around during other times of the year." ~[Jeanne Faulconer, M.A.](#)

## Birdwatching Notebook

Help your children explore the feathered creatures that surround them with the [Birdwatching Notebook](#) and its one-of-a-kind games, activities, and guides.

This fun 44-page resource can be downloaded as a free printable PDF or ebook.





## Owl Pinecone Crafts

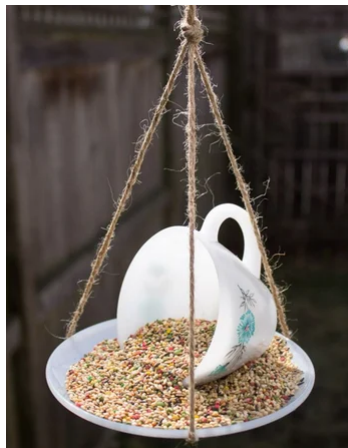
These easy crafts from [NonToyGifts](#) are super cute.

Use up all those extra scraps of construction paper or felt from other projects!

## Homemade Bird Feeders

Here are lots of ways that you can make whimsical homemade bird feeders out of things you probably have around the house!

[There are ideas](#) for the youngest crafters all the way to more advanced artists.



## Great Backyard Bird Count

Be part of the [global movement](#)! In as little as 15 minutes, notice the birds around you. Identify them, count them, and [submit your findings](#) to help scientists better understand and protect birds around the world.

You can also use the [Merlin ID app](#) or [Google Lens](#) to easily identify the birds in your local area. Merlin ID will even identify birds by listening to their calls - straight from your phone!

I hope these ideas help you create an environment of joy in your home and in your homeschool overall.

Thank you for reading,



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P.S. Is there anything you'd like to see in upcoming *Home Educator Express* newsletters? Any homeschooling questions you'd like answered? Feel free to reply and let me know!



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**By: Angela McCain**

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and in a very short time, I have witnessed its rewards.

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