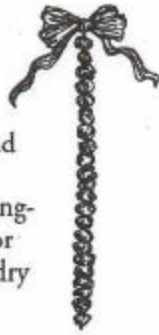


## RAISIN ICICLE

Using a needle and waxed dental floss, thread raisins to form 1½ to 2 foot lengths. Start with a knot at the end of the string or tie and knot the floss around the first raisin and continue stringing raisins. Tie the top end with raffia or colorful ribbon to hang. Store in cool, dry place away from rodents.



## CRANBERRY WREATH

Using a medium gauge florist wire (12-16" length), bend one inch of one end into an "L." At the other end, begin stringing fresh cranberries. Do not use berries that are soft. Run the wire through the bottom and top of the berry, not through the sides. String fruit until there is about one inch of wire left and twist both ends of the wire together to form a wreath. Refrigerate until ready to use.

## Indian Corn

Tie raffia around three corn husks leaving two raffia ends for hanging. Some corn may break off from their husk; these may be glued back to the husk or discarded. Store away from rodents.



## SUET BAGS

Cut onion or bulb bags into 12" x 12" squares. Fill with chunks of raw suet purchased from a butcher. Tie with raffia or colorful ribbon to hang. Freeze until ready to use.

# LONGWOOD GARDENS WILDLIFE TREE ORNAMENTS

## CRABAPPLE BUNDLES

Thread a medium-to-heavy gauge florist wire (12-18" length) all the way through a crabapple or small apple from top to bottom. Bend a hook in the wire at the bottom of the apple and pull the hook back into the base of the apple. Thread the other end of wire through the top of a second apple and secure at the bottom with a hook in the same way as the first. Refrigerate until ready to use.



## CITRUS CUPS

Halve an orange or grapefruit and remove the juice and pulp. Make three holes spaced equally around and near the cut edge of the citrus. Thread a 10 to 12 inch piece of raffia through each hole and secure with a knot. Tie the three loose raffia ends together no more than five inches above the fruit cup. Make a small hole in the bottom center of the cup for drainage. Fill the cup with birdseed or nuts. Store in a cool, dry place for one to two days before hanging.



## DRIED FLOWER CLUSTER

Cluster together several stems of different dried flower and seed heads to form a nosegay. Use raffia to tie their stems together. Arrange the flowers so that the center stem is one of the longest and the outer stems are among the shortest. Small sunflowers, wheat, barley, and millet make good bird food.



## PINE CONE FEEDER

Ingredients:

1 C rendered suet

1 C chunky peanut butter

3½ C yellow cornmeal

Birdseed mix

Pine cones (white pine, *Pinus strobus*, works well)

Raffia

- Tie raffia around the pointed end of a pine cone, about 2 to 3 cone scales down from the tip, leaving two tails for hanging
- Melt/render suet in a pot over low to medium heat (ground suet melts more quickly)
- Strain liquefied suet through cheesecloth to remove any tissues that might spoil
- Add peanut butter to rendered suet, stir until melted and blended
- Add cornmeal to mixture and blend until it has a doughy texture
- When mixture has cooled, pack mixture into the pine cone openings. Do not cover the entire cone, but leave the ends of the cone scales exposed. This makes it easier for birds to grasp and hang onto the cone.
- Sprinkle or roll suet-covered cone in bird seed
- Label and store unused suet/peanut butter mixture in refrigerator



## LOTUS CUPS

Gently push lotus seeds back into the pod. Fill the empty holes with cranberries, raisins, or suet-seed mixture. Wire the cup to a tree stem so the pod is facing up to keep the filler from falling out.





# LONGWOOD GARDENS WILDLIFE TREE

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## SOME BIRDS ATTRACTED TO LONGWOOD'S WILDLIFE TREE




American Crow  
Blue Jay  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Chickadee  
Cedar Waxwing  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Eastern Towhee  
Finch, House  
Finch, Purple

Gray Catbird  
Mourning Dove  
Northern Cardinal  
Northern Flicker  
Northern Mockingbird  
Nuthatch, Red-breasted  
Nuthatch, White-breasted  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Sparrow, House  
Sparrow, Song  
Sparrow, White-throated  
Tufted Titmouse  
Winter Wren  
Woodpecker, Downy  
Woodpecker, Hairy  
Woodpecker, Red-bellied  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



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