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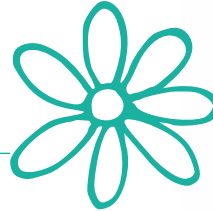
Make a butterfly feeder

Make this simple butterfly feeder to put in your garden and encourage these pollinating insects to visit

Suitable for Beavers and Cubs

You will need

- ultraviolet pens (available online, approx. £2–£5)
- card
- scissors (supervise young people and store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people)
- wooden golf tees (available online, approx. £2 for 20)
- sugar water
- pencils
- colouring pens or paints
- modelling clay or plasticine



Time needed
30 minutes

Badge



Pets at Home partners the Beaver Animal Friend and Cub Animal Carer Activity Badges

Partner



Outcomes

This activity will encourage young people to develop habits and behaviour that will help nature thrive. They will learn about some of the threats facing butterflies, and provide a feeder for them in their gardens.

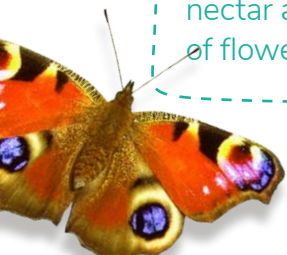
More information

For more badge resources and activities go to scouts.org.uk/supporters/petsathome.



Did you know?

Butterflies see the world differently. They use markings that we can only see using ultraviolet light to guide them to the nectar at the centre of flowers.



Instructions

1 Draw a simple shape onto the card, such as a flower or butterfly, and cut it out. Carefully make small holes where you want the tees to go by pushing them through the card, then set the tees aside.

2 Next, decorate your feeder. Butterflies can't see red very well, so try using other colours – blue and yellow are good colours for attracting butterflies. Once the designs are dry and ready, use the ultraviolet pens to draw designs around the holes where the tees will go. These are landing lights for butterflies.

3 Push your golf tees through the holes and secure them in place with the clay or plasticine. Then position the feeder outside and push the tees into the ground to keep in place. Put your feeder in an open place, away from bushes where predators like birds or cats can hide.

4 Add sugar water to the golf tees. To make the sugar water, simply dissolve some sugar in a bit of warm water – one part sugar to 10 parts water. Don't leave the feeder outside in the rain.

5 Keep watch on your feeder from a short distance and see if any butterflies visit it!

In numbers

UK butterflies are under threat from habitat loss, pesticides and climate change. Recent warm summers have helped butterflies, but more species have declined than increased since the 1970s.

