Spring Is Here!
Let’s Play Bingo!

Here is all you need:

- Good eyes
- Bingo cards - Play all cards.

What will make this more FUN?

- Bird feeder placed in front of a window (see attached examples that are easy to make at home)
- Bird feed (plus look around your kitchen)
- Binoculars
- Going for a walk or hike outside
- Common Winter Feeder Birds of Alaska (see attachment)

Share your findings:

- A Bingo - 3 in a row or diagonal sightings
- A “blackout”
- Bird Sightings Log
- Share your findings on SVT Community Services Facebook page. Take a photo and post it or email it to Shannon Custer @ scuster@svt.org
Alaska Winter/Spring Bird Bingo

Varied Thrush

Common Raven

Pine Siskin

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Northwestern Crow

Bald Eagle

Steller Jay

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Pine Grosbeaks

Steller Jay
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Common Goldeneye

Common Murre

Glaucous-winged Gull

Long-tailed Duck

Common Loons

Mew Gull

Pelagic Cormorant

♂ male ♀ female symbols
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- Pigeon Guillemot
- Great Blue Heron
- Rufus Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Spruce Grouse
- Tree Swallow
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Bufflehead
- Dipper

♂ male  ♀ female symbols
Fun bird feeders to make at home

Cut orange in half; remove pulp; make holes to push sticks through; add string or yarn; fill with seeds.

Make sure an adults washes this Chlorox bottle and assists with the cutting.

Check out this bottle feeder demonstration:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RwLV1_tx4E

Materials:
- toilet paper rolls
- sturdy sticks, 2 per roll, 6-8 inches long
- bird seed
- peanut butter
- string or ribbon
- hole punch
**Good food for your feeder:** Birds such as chickadees and woodpeckers are attracted by animal fat or suet and peanut butter mixed with melted animal fat and cornmeal or oatmeal (so that it isn’t too sticky for birds’ bills). Seed-eating birds that can be attracted to feeders include pine siskins, sparrows, grosbeaks, redpolls, and crossbills. These species also eat suet, but seeds will attract them to your feeder. Unsalted sunflower seeds, thistle seeds, nyjer, raw crushed peanuts, millet, scratch feed, various grains are welcomed. Commercial wild bird seed mixes for the lower 48 often contain filler seeds that are not eaten by many species. Save-U-More and Wagon Wheel carry the above recommended seeds.

See the following article with more tips for winter bird feeding. And remember to bring your feeders in if they are accessible to bears, once they come back out!


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**Suet**

1 pound lard  
3 cups cornmeal  
½ cup wheat flour  
Add in a few of these: sunflower seeds, bird seed, raisins, millet, rolled oats, nuts, berries, etc.

Melt lard, add cornmeal and flour and add-ins; let cool slightly; pour into waxpaper lined plastic containers. Let containers setup in the refrigerator. Place suet in a mesh bag or wrap in netting; then hang up for the winter birds.

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**Peanut butter/cornmeal mix**

¾ cup peanut butter  
¾ cup nyjer/thistle redpoll feed  
2 - 3 cups cornmeal depending on the type of peanut butter you use.

Mix together and spread on and between the scales of a pine cone.
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Common Winter Feeder Birds of Alaska

Nearly 53 million Americans feed wild birds. The birds depicted on this poster are among the most common species that visit bird feeders during winter in Alaska. Birds are organized by related species and are approximately 40% of life size unless otherwise noted. Some species may only be found in limited areas of the state. For example, only Black-capped and Boreal Chickadees are common at feeders in interior Alaska, while Chestnut-backed Chickadees are common in southeastern Alaska.

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