








Create bird art with natural materials


Educator Notes

Age				
Early Years	4-7	8-12	12-15	16+
				

Time				
> 10 mins	> 30 mins	> 60 mins	> 2 hours	Long term
				

Season				
All year	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
				

Curriculum Links	
Expressive Arts	
Health & Wellbeing	
Literacy & English	
Mathematics	
Sciences	
Social Studies	
Technologies	

Location		
Indoors	Outdoors	Either
		

Equipment list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed activity sheet (on white paper is best) • Container(s) to collect natural materials (e.g. Tupperware, bucket) • Natural materials such as leaves, petals, grass • Eco-glue (optional) • Colouring pens/pencils (optional)

Instructions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before starting, set boundaries with your group so that they know what area to stay in. Make sure you know your area and remind children about any poisonous or prickly plants to avoid! 2. Head out to collect natural materials – these will be used to fill in the bird’s body. Have your group think about their design. Do they want their bird to stand out with bright colours? Do they want its feathers to be a warning to other birds to stay away? Or do they want it to camouflage in with its surroundings? 3. Remind your group to always try to find fallen materials rather than picking directly from a living flower or tree. 4. Once finished collecting, give everyone a printed activity sheet. They can use the natural items to build the bird’s body. They can simply place or glue the items to the sheet. 5. You can add some colour by either colouring in sections of the template, or by painting some of the objects collected and use them to create different prints – lots of room for creativity!