

Nature Near You

Journal Prompt:



What parts of your natural surroundings do you find soothing?



Animal of the Week: Steller's Jay



These birds are very common around BC's conifer and pine-oak forests. When building their nests, they use mud to glue little pieces of tiny sticks together and place them 6 to 30 feet high in trees. They are also quite bold and clever creatures and are known to be habitual nest-robbers, similar to other jay species.

At Home Activity: Bird Feeders

What you need:

- Empty toilet paper roll
- 2 small sticks or straws
- Peanut butter
- Bird food
- String

How to:

1. Make four equally-spaced holes in one end of your roll.
2. Make two smaller holes opposite from each other in the other end of the roll.
3. Cover your roll in peanut butter and then roll it in bird seed.
4. Thread the sticks through to make a cross and attach the string at the top. Your bird feeder is ready to be hung up outside!

Other Resources:

How will Coronavirus change the environment? Carbon emissions have dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the real question is will it last? Watch the video from BBC below to find out more.
<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200422-how-has-coronavirus-helped-the-environment>

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