

Guidelines for Children's Wildlife Trees:

1. Please make enough ornaments to cover a 4' tree, (100-200 ornaments total depending on the ornament's size) with extra to replenish ornaments that get eaten. Longwood has cold storage available additional ornaments.
2. 3 different types of ornaments, such as one dangling ornament, one bird seed holder and one seed pod or pinecone ornament
3. Ornaments must have an edible compartment, or be designed to hold something edible like birdseed or nuts.
4. Salt is not good for birds-if using nuts, choose **salt-free**.
5. Primary components should be made only of natural materials, such as nuts, pods, seeds, pinecones, dried flowers, bark, and dried fruit.
6. Ornaments must be weather resistant; popcorn and cereal will not work.
7. 4" is a good size, keep ornaments under 7"X7", and larger than 3"X3"
8. Ornaments must be safe for animals; no sharp points
9. Ornaments should be easy to attach to the tree with colorful string, zip-ties or wire
10. Be creative!

Suggested Materials for Ornaments and Garlands

- Dried fruit: orange, grapefruit, apple, cranberry, raisin
- Birdseed, nuts (unsalted)
- Seed pods, pinecones, tree bark
- Suet, peanut butter, Crisco
- Titebond II waterproof non-toxic wood glue

Additional resources:

<http://www.birdhobbyist.com>

<http://www.wbu.com/education/brochures/DecorateATree.pdf>