

# JUNIOR CLUB



*Chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks — those are the birds that really rule the roost. But the farm and the rural landscape wouldn't exist without the farmers' other winged companions.*



**JOHN DEERE**

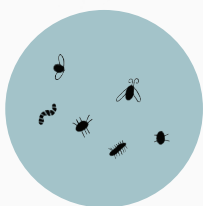
NOTHING RUNS LIKE A DEERE

*Domestic birds (also known as synanthropic birds) are wild species that became native in the immediate vicinity of human habitation. Farms are ideal places for them to find shelter, build nests and collect food. Here they find everything they need for a happy life. And their presence is permanently inscribed in the landscape of the farms and in the adjacent meadows and fields. Take a look:*

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## The tree sparrow, the sparrow's peasant cousin

— a small chirping body with an indomitable spirit. No other bird has the courage to peck the grains away from the chickens. What they like most, though, is the "cold buffet" of golden wheat fields. Sunflower seeds, wild millet or grasses can also be part of the meal. And during the breeding season they love small insects. They build their nests well hidden in tree hollows, in cracks of agricultural buildings or in nesting boxes. Neither the tree sparrow nor the sparrow flies away to warm countries for the winter.



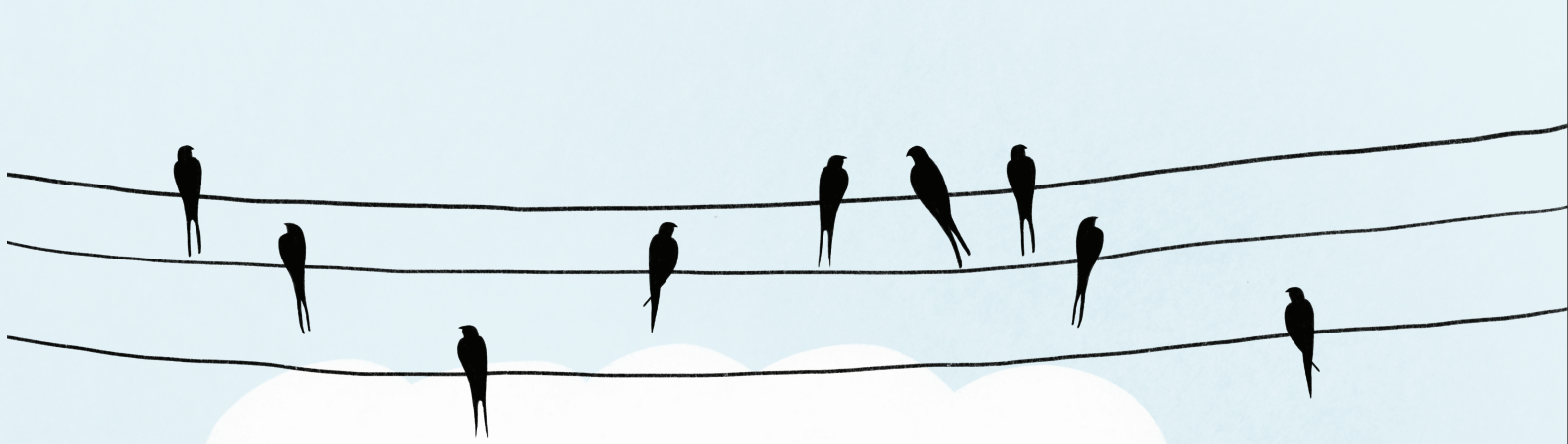
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## The swallow

there are two species of this little chirper:  
**the barn swallow** and **the house martin**.

**Barn swallows** love rural buildings. Particularly in stables or barns, they build semi-open nests of mud, straw and hay, held together with sticky saliva. The barn swallows' diet consists of small insects. They particularly like mosquitoes, flies and bugs.






**House martins** build almost identical nests to the barn swallows, but nest in colonies. And just like them, they feed on insects: mosquitoes, aphids, flies. At the end of August, house martins, like barn swallows, gather in large flocks and spend the day perched on power lines or branches of dry trees. Both species spend the winter in Africa (areas south of the Sahara).



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#### The white stork



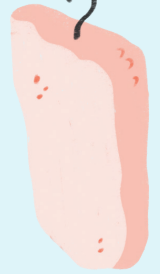
— contrary to popular belief, the stork is by no means a keen connoisseur of frogs. Their diet is much more varied and consists of moles, field mice, mice, fish, reptiles, molluscs, beetles and earthworms. Storks wade in a dignified manner through wetlands near lakes and ponds, forage for food in pastures or fields where they follow the farmers at work. In late August or early September, they fly to southern Europe and then on to Africa. Before that they gather in whole flocks, feeding for several days to gather enough energy for their flight. That enables them to fly up to 200 km a day.



# 4

## The tit

There are any number of species of the tit. The most widespread is the colorful great tit. The most common nesting places are tree holes hollowed out by woodpeckers, crevices in tree trunks or abandoned nests of other birds. They also like to inhabit man-made nesting boxes or even surprising places, such as letterboxes, old pipes or hedges. Most great tits are native birds that live in one place all year round. Tits are famous gourmets of bacon (without salt!). But sunflower seeds, crumbled walnuts and hazelnuts are also more than welcome.



## HOW DO YOU FEED BIRDS PROPERLY?

- Start feeding only when there is a lot of snow.
- Do it regularly.
- Don't feed with bread, bakery products and salty nibbles because these contain baking agents and spices that are very harmful for birds.
- Don't put out too much food, as the uneaten remains will spoil and can harm the birds if eaten.
  - Place a drinking trough with fresh water next to the bird house.

## THEY LIKE THAT!

- Mountain ash, blackthorn, wild rose, dogwood, elderberry or snowball directly from the bush (it's worth planting them near the house or in the garden).
- Sunflower and maize seeds, millet, oat flakes, groats.
- Boiled (without salt!) and finely chopped: carrots, beetroot, potatoes, cabbage.
- Unsalted bacon (replace every 2 weeks!).



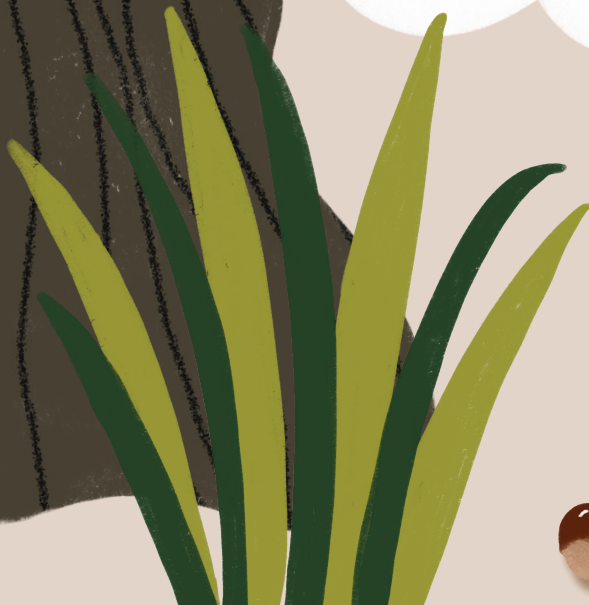


## **HARD-WORKING HELPERS AT THE ZWEIBRÜCKEN PLANT GIVE FLYING ANIMAL GUESTS A NEW HOME**

At its Zweibrücken site, John Deere wants to offer birds and bats a new home and introduce children to nature. John Deere wants to support nature and ensure the preservation of biodiversity with nesting boxes. To do this, active helpers from the John Deere Sustainability Impact Group worked to prepare kits for building nesting boxes. These can be put together by any members of the Junior Club who are interested and hung up in their garden at home or even on the premises of the John Deere plant in Zweibrücken, whatever they like. This will enable bats and birds to once again raise their offspring undisturbed.

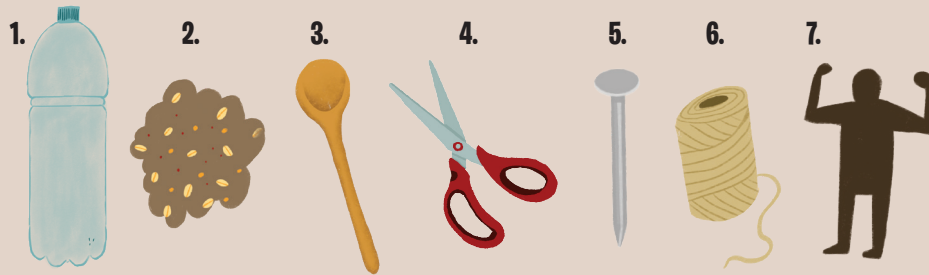
Of course, it's not only the young John Deere fans who benefit from this project, but also the environment. The birds' and bats' diet of small animals and bugs helps to bring the environment back into balance. As a result, mosquito plagues, for example, can be eliminated in a natural way.

John Deere would like to thank all the little helpers who are building new homes for our flying animal guests.



# BIRD HOUSE MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

*It's very easy to do, but will guarantee a WOW effect. But you do need an adult to help you.*



## What you need

1. an empty plastic bottle with cap
2. birdseed
3. a wooden cooking spoon
4. scissors
5. a screw
6. a piece of strong string
7. an adult to help you.



Poke two holes in the bottle cap with the screw and then thread the string through.

Now just hang the bottle on a branch and wait for the flying gluttons.

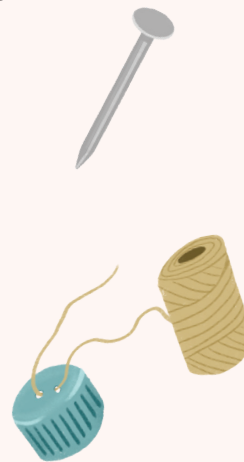


**A**



Use the scissors to make two holes in the bottle a few centimeters from the bottom. The holes should be at exactly the same height on both sides of the bottle so that the handle of the wooden spoon can be pushed through and the birdseed can trickle out onto it.

**B**



**C**



Pour the birdseed into the bottle using a funnel (e.g. made from an ordinary piece of paper) and then close the bottle carefully.

**D**



# CLUB PAGE



Hannes, Thomas and Andreas proudly show off their John Deere fleet



John Deere fan Felix got a great new John Deere bed



During Sunday shopping in Bruchsal, the children had a lot of fun with the JD pedal tractors



Luis' sister baked a great birthday cake for the John Deere fan



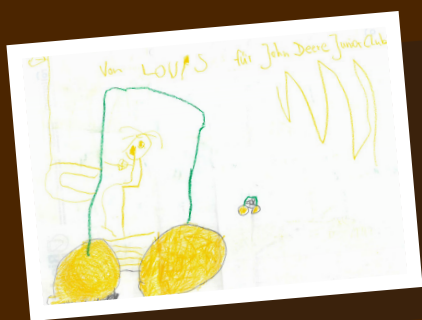
Jannick helps with the woodwork with his John Deere



A really great children's chair was designed by grandpa in the John Deere colors



The whole family helped to build a John Deere Kettcar for Anton



Louis drew a great picture for the Junior Club



Finn's neuer 5100M



Tim and Kiyam are making a John Deere tractor for their last kindergarten project

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