



Cotton

Butterfly Feeder  
with sugar water and  
a pink decoration

## Feeding Butterflies

Here's an easy butterfly feeder you can make with the help of an adult. The feeder hangs from a tree. Sugar water drips out of a "wick" so mosquitoes cannot breed in the water.

### Materials:

Glass jar with screw-on lid

Hammer and nail

Cotton ball

Red plastic flower or scrubber for color

Butterfly nectar

(10 parts water to 1 part sugar, boiled and cooled)

String or twine

### Directions:

Remove lid from jar. Have an adult hammer a nail through center of jar lid (this should be done on a work bench). Use a nail or pin to push through about 1 inch of cotton in a strand through the hole, working from inside of lid to outside. Put plastic flower inside jar to attract butterflies. Pour nectar into jar. Screw lid on tightly. Turn jar upside down over a sink. Make sure nectar does not flow out too fast. It should just soak into cotton so it is wet enough for butterflies to drink. If too much water comes out, stuff more cotton through hole. Attach string or twine to jar so it can hang about 3 feet down from a tree branch. Hang during butterfly season, June-September.