

Attention Teachers:

**For the Bird Beak Adaptation Activity:
“FILL THE BILL”**

This loaner truck was designed for the “Fill the Bill” lesson that came from Ranger Rick’s Nature Scope Booklet, *Birds, Birds, Birds*. It contains the materials to set up 8 different stations each with a special type of “food” – and the different “tools” needed at each station.

YOU can do whatever you want with the truck, change, adapt or only use part of it. There is another lesson with the same title that has a different set-up & procedure that might work better for your situation. I have also put in a small blue tarp in case you want to use that method, but you would have to get some baggies for the students.

TIPS: Having done this in the past, the stations can become quite messy, especially the Ones that involve water. You might want to only do one water station (not both). The other station that seems difficult was #8, which is the “Rain-Forest” – fruit (puffy balls) hanging from a tree (using Velcro). The students found this difficult. Finally, station #6 is chaotic! It calls for flying insects – being tossed in the air & Then being caught in the air. This might be better as a demonstration. You can do Whatever you want, these are just my opinions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Also, please share any suggestions on the following paper so other teachers can benefit from your experience – good or bad. Feel free to use any other lessons in the book & materials provided.

Thank-you for teaching your students about birds, habitats & conservation!

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