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The Effect of Color and Lighting on the Feeding Habits of Birds

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Each year billions of animals are affected by various changes being introduced into the environment such as deforestation and urbanization. This experiment was based off of a previous experiment determining whether granivorous birds in their natural wild habitat show a preference in one color over others. To further extend on this idea and to solidify the results, the research was moved to a controlled environment eliminating all external factors such as weather, lighting, temperature and risk factors. This was done by having four cages. First, random colors were set in each cage. Then it was noticed that some feeders were getting more light than others, so then, for the next trial of data collection, the feeders were placed in random order from left to right and changed location every two days which is the frequency the data was collected. After 7 day trials of each data set, full spectrum lights were set on top of the cages. Birds can see in ultraviolet which is something humans cannot so I wanted to determine if the lighting affects their color preference as well. Results showed that they do not show a preference in color.

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