

SCARECROW



Scarecrows can be found all over the world. People mainly use them for decoration these days. Some of their different names are Jacks of Straw, Tattyboggles, or Shoy Hoys. A scarecrow is usually made of sticks and hay. It looks like a human being because it is dressed in old clothes. Farmers used to put scarecrows in the field where they planted seeds to scare the birds away from the field. Some birds like crows ate the seeds the farmer planted. If the birds ate the seeds, The farmer didn't have a big crop.

Scarecrows have been around for a very long time. The first scarecrows in history were made along the Nile River to protect wheat fields from flocks of quail. Egyptian farmers put wooden frames in their fields and covered them with nets.

Romans and Greeks put scarecrows out to ask their harvest gods to watch over the fields. People from Japan even made scarecrows out of fish bones and attached them to fall wooden stakes to help protect their rice fields.