

Water Bottle for Birds

2 plastic bottles required



Fig. 2

Cut 'Well' bottle up high - gives more stability to the feeder and the 'Reservoir' (inverted) bottle.

Drill 3-4 holes (4-5mm) near neck-top of 'Reservoir' bottle.
Note: long necked bottle (eg Schweppes) should be used to ensure water access opening is not blocked by the body of the bottle.

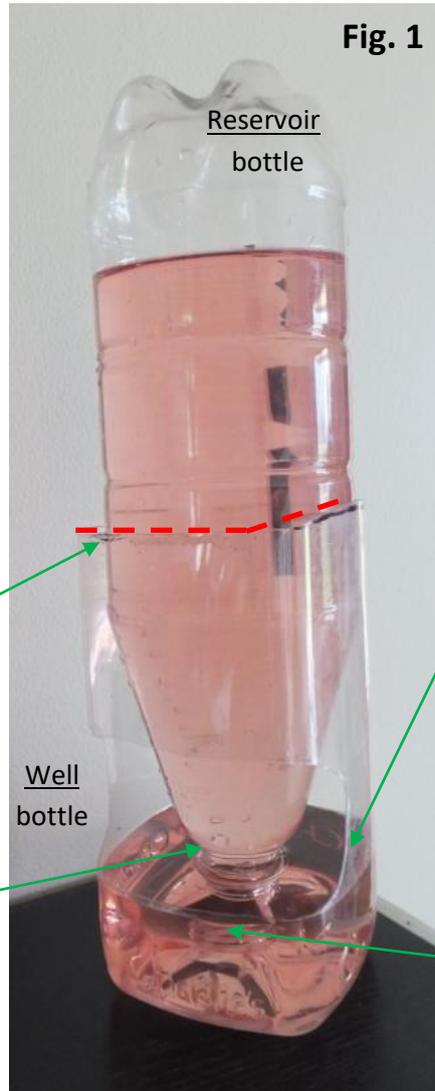


Fig. 1

Note: coloured water is only used so the display is more obvious.

Cut an opening into half the side of the 'Well' bottle, large enough for a bird to get access to the water and the bottom of the opening is above the drilled holes of the 'Reservoir' bottle.

Water level and 'Reservoir' holes should be below the bottom of the water access opening of the 'Well' so it does not overflow and the 'Well' is self-filling.

Types of bottles that can be used

Fig. 1 'Well' is a 1.5L square fruit juice bottle (eg. Charlie brand) with a 'Reservoir' 1.25L inverted soft drink bottle with a long skinny neck inside (Kirks but newer style Schweppes is more suitable).

Fig. 2 'Well' is a 1L hexagon fruit juice bottle (Original Juice Co.) with a 'Reservoir' 600ml inverted bottle inside (Pump water). This combination does not require any holes to be drilled, remove the cap from the Pump bottle and the raised curve in the 1L 'Well' prevents the 'Reservoir' bottle from sitting directly on the bottom and allows water into the 'Well'. Woolies homebrand 1.25L soft drink bottles also have skinner sections which hold the Pump bottle off the bottom of the 'Well'.

The aim when making a water-feeder is to create a self-filling water container and the water must be accessed easily by the bird so it's important to check that:

- the water access opening to the 'Well' is not blocked by the body of the inverted 'Reservoir' bottle. (Squat/short-necked bottles can block the opening);
- the water access opening in the 'Well' is large enough for the bird to get a drink;
- the hole/s in the inverted 'Reservoir' bottle is/are just below the 'Well's water access opening to ensure water does not overflow and there is a sufficient depth of level of water.



Fig. 2