



Puddles aren't just for jumping!

They also provide birds and other animals with a vital source of drinking water and a place to bathe. However puddles aren't always clean, so a great way to make sure birds have access to safe water is to make your own bird "puddle" bath!

All birds need water to live so follow our simple instructions below to provide them with a reliable source of water in all weathers (and for all feathers!)

What you will need:

- A dish – this should be shallow and wide. You could use a plant pot saucer, a dustbin lid or an old cooking pot lid! Have a look around your home to see what might work.
- Some small stones or pebbles to place inside the dish so the birds have a way of climbing in and out safely.
- Something to raise the dish off the ground – bricks, or an upturned plant pot both work well.
- Rain or tap water



Steps:

1 Find the perfect spot for your bird puddle – this should be somewhere birds can see it easily and away from bushes where animals such as cats could sneak up on them!

2 Put down your base – either the bricks or upturned plant pot.



3 Make sure your dish is nice and clean and then place it on top of the bricks – if you are using a plant pot you could glue it in place with waterproof glue.



4 Place the stones and pebbles inside the dish to give the birds a place to perch.



5 Fill the dish with water – you can use tap water or leave it to fill up with rainwater.



And there you have it – your very own bird "puddle" bath!



*Top tips

Make sure that you keep your bird puddle clean and keep the water topped up in all weathers, you may need to break up ice if it's particularly cold!

