

# Choosing a waterer...

## Optimum capacity is dependent on:

- Number and size of birds.
- How often you prefer to water them.

Choose a waterer that will provide enough clean water for the birds between your visits to the coop.

**For chicks** use a small waterer with a drown-proof or narrow base.

**For waterfowl** use a waterer with a wide base so they can fit their bills into it.

If you have a few birds or visit frequently, you can manage with a smaller waterer. If you have many birds, you need a larger one, especially during hot summer months.

## What is a bird's daily water intake?

A medium-size adult chicken will drink about 0.08 gal (just over a cup) on a hot day. Temperature, size and age of the bird and amount of salt in the feed will cause this figure to vary considerably.

## Waterer tips...

- **Keep the waterer level.** This enables the internal float (if applicable) to work properly—and prevents water overflowing onto the floor or soil.
- **Clean them often.** Hard water deposits or algae may block valves.
- **Place waterers on concrete blocks or Chick Stands.** Birds are less likely to foul the water when scratching near it.
- **Change the waterer's location often** to prevent mud holes forming.
- **Do not place waterers in the sun**—a shaded location reduces the amount of evaporation and keeps the water cooler.

## Waterer Comparison Chart

<u>Name</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Suited for</u>	<u>No. of birds</u>	<u>Waterfowl</u>
Chick Nipple Drinker	1 liter	chicks	10-20	no
Abbey Cage Cup	3/4 cup	adults	1	yes
Jar, Drown-Proof Base	20 oz	chicks	10-20	no
Pop Bottle Bases	n/a	chicks	10-20	no
Classic Waterer	0.4 gal	chicks	15	yes
Duo Waterer & Feeder	1 gal	adults	12	yes
Combination 3	0.8 gal	chicks/adults	10	yes
Combination 6	1.6 gal	adults	20	yes
Top Fill Fountain	1.5 gal	adults	18	yes
Top Fill Fountain	3 gal	adults	35	yes
Heated Waterer	2.25 gal	adults	26	yes
Bucket Nipple Waterer	3 gal	adults	35	yes
Imperial Tri-Pod	2.5 gal	adults	30	yes
Imperial Tri-Pod	5 gal	adults	60	yes
Imperial Tri-Pod	7.5 gal	adults	90	yes
QuickClean, 3 gal	3 gal	adults	35	yes
QuickClean, 5 gal	5 gal	adults	60	yes
Tri-Pod	8 gal	adults	100	yes
Kane, plastic	continuous	adults	over 100	yes
Kane, galvanized	flow	adults	over 100	yes

*Note: Some users strongly prefer one style of waterer over another. Check out the reviews on our website to see what others think—and why.*