

# **PVC Floating Waterfowl Feeder Instructions**

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### **General Information:**

\*The PVC Waterfowl Feeder provides an alternative way to give enriching forage and regular diet to waterfowl. Using this feeder, the birds may eat in a more natural way.

\*In addition, this feeder allows birds to feed when in the water and not standing on hard surfaces. Because of this, it may also be used to help geriatric or injured waterfowl by enabling natural behavior while also easing discomfort from common problems, such as pododermatitis (bumblefoot).

\*The feeder may be constructed in virtually any size and is inexpensive, easy to make, and easy to clean.

### **Species:**

Waterfowl, such as geese, shelducks, teal, and ducks.

### **Safety Concerns:**

Some waterfowl may be able to tip the feeder.



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### **Items Needed:**

Tray of desired size

4 PVC pipes (of diameter and length appropriate to very closely fit the tray that will be used)

4 PVC elbow joints (of the diameter to fit the PVC pipes)

Pipe putty or marine sealer (optional)

### Step 1

Measure PVC pipes to the lengths needed for the size of tray that is chosen for the feeder.

#### Step 2

Attach each PVC pipe to an elbow joint to make a rectangle. Pipe putty or marine sealer may be used to secure the elbow joints to the pipes.

## Step 3

Set the tray into the PVC frame, fill with desired feed, and put in water for the waterfowl.





