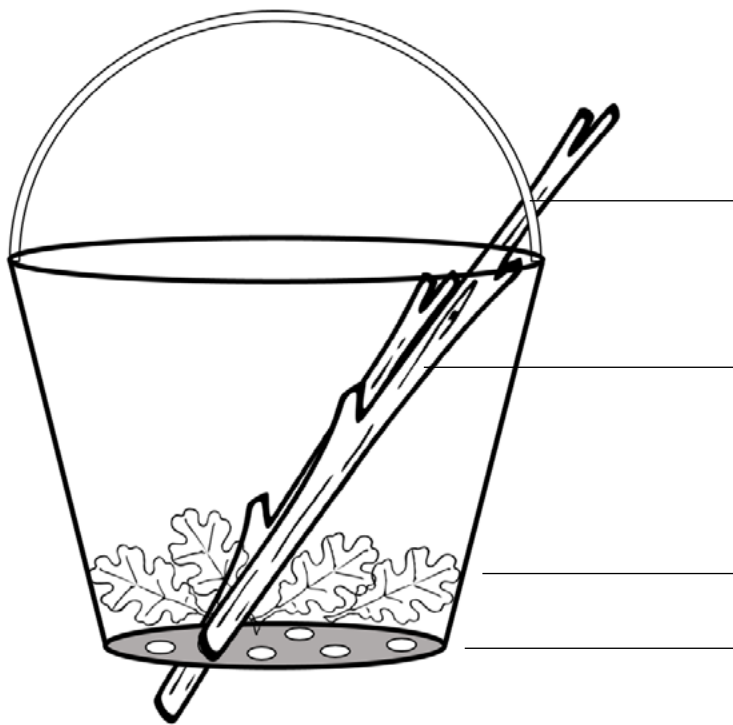




Makeshift Nests

Makeshift nests are an easy and effective way to help nestlings reunite with their parents. They can be made quickly with a few common items found around the house.

Getting the nest as high up in a tree closest to where the bird was found is very important. A plastic container (such as the one shown) is suitable for a nest. Put some leaf litter at the bottom and puncture some small holes at the base for drainage. Ensure that the edges of the container are tall enough so that the bird does not fall out and don't forget to secure your nest firmly to the tree.



Ensure the "nest" you have made is secured well in a tree, very near to where the bird was found. Placing it high above the ground will keep it safer from predators such as cats.

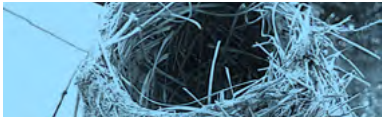
Plastic bucket – This doesn't need to be a bucket. You can also use other plastic containers such as ice cream tubs, yogurt tubs etc.

Sturdy stick secured through a hole in the base of the bucket, long enough to protrude above the rim. The young bird will be able to climb this when it's ready.

Dry leaf-litter makes a soft, natural base.

Holes in the base of the bucket will allow rain water to drain out. Create small holes (pencil sized is ideal) from the inside so any sharp edges point out of the bucket.

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A few tips to help you create the perfect makeshift nest:

- Place the nest as near to the original location as possible.
- Ensure the sides are not so high that young birds can't jump out when they're ready.
- Ensure the nest is well secured to the tree.
- If piercing plastic to create drainage holes, please do so from the inside so any sharp plastic edges are pointing outward.
- Hanging baskets lined with coconut fibre are cheap and work well as a makeshift nest.
- If you can, monitor the nest to ensure that the parents come back. If they do not return after 24 hours, give Wildlife Victoria a call.



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