

Bird & Pond Netting- How to Install and Use Correctly

Pond and bird netting are both constructed of a tight mesh of high density polyethylene fibres that both essentially have the same aim: to prevent birds and other wildlife from reaching a designated area and potentially causing damage to crops, pond life, or structures. Most available nets will have a weave of around 20mm. This is small enough to block all known native species of bird, whilst still allowing good visibility and air flow.

The law somewhat limits your options for controlling pest species. Under the wildlife and countryside act (1981), all wild birds, their nests and eggs are protected, which means that you are unable to take lethal action to protect your crops or livestock. And unfortunately birds adapt very quickly to 'false threat' methods such as visible deterrents and sonic devices. Therefore netting is the best form of control at the most reasonable price.

Most widely available anti-bird nets are incredibly lightweight which means they can simply lay on top of crops without damaging them, however for the best form of protection you may wish to use a frame or crop cage. To ensure its effectiveness, make sure the net completely covers all plants and is secured to the surrounding ground using an appropriate anchor peg. As well as preventing crop damage, [bird netting](#) can be used in industrial environments and public spaces. It can be used to prevent birds gaining access to roof spaces, where the build-up of droppings would create an unsightly mess as well as a potential health hazard. Alternatively, netting can also be used on the exterior of buildings to prevent the damage that roosting birds can cause on ledges and window sills.

When using [pond netting](#), ensure that the entire surface of the pond is covered and there is adequate clearance between the mesh and the surface of the water. For larger ponds you will need to make sure the net is supported so it does not sag at the centre into the pond. The typical methods of doing this are either to use support posts that are fixed into the pond or a few lines of rope tightly pulled across the underneath the netting. When anchoring, ensure you use a fixing peg appropriate for the type of surrounding soil. A good quality heavy duty plastic peg is usually adequate but for exceptionally hard or rocky ground you may consider a stronger metal staple or rock peg. You should regularly remove any build-up of debris as this could cause the net to break or could dislodge anchor pegs.

All QVS pond and bird netting is UV stabilised. This reduces the damaging effect that the sun's rays can have, ensuring a long lasting, durable product. We also stock a wide range of anchor pegs, appropriate for most applications.