Cleaning the BEC Tripod Drinker barrel

Over time plastic drinkers can be prone to becoming discoloured and stained inside; unfortunately it is almost impossible to prevent this from happening especially during the summer months or in an Equatorial or Tropical climate. The easiest method of cleaning the drinker is to seal the outlet at the base using the rubber key style bung provided, then add Milton solution* diluted using approximately 50ml solution to 10 liters of water. Once the container is full, screw on the top and leave standing for at least 2 hours longer if possible or until the inside is clear. This may have to be repeated depending on how much build up there is in the barrel. Milton solution* is a product that is normally used for sterilizing babies bottles so is totally safe and ideal for this purpose. Once the barrel has been emptied rinse and refill and you have a nice clean drinker for the birds to use. Normal household bleach does also work - but make sure the container is rinsed thoroughly several times before use with the birds!

*(Milton is available from chemists, major supermarkets and costs around £2.50 per bottle)

Spare barrels are available from Osprey BEC – contact us for prices