

"I hope that you will take pains to pass on this information to those who are concerned about the future of banding, and trust that it will put an end to the rumor that is going around."

Of the proposal for a North American banding organization, Dr. Aldrich says: "I am glad to hear that this proposal is still alive since I believe it has considerable merit."

In view of the time that has elapsed since the appointing of this Committee, it is our feeling that further time spent in search of additional facts bearing on the subject is not likely to produce material justifying thus delaying our report.

The Committee suggests that this report or a condensation thereof be printed in EBBA NEWS together with an invitation to all members of the Eastern Bird Banding Association to participate in a ballot by postcard as to what shall be the attitude of our Association in regard to the proposed North American banding organization.

Respectfully submitted,
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S/ Beecher S. Bowdish

Write to the Committee or to President Groskin with your ideas.

MORE ON TRAPS

Beecher Bowdish of Demarest, N. J. contributes some general observations:

"Basic in provision and use of banding traps is the character of construction. The beginner is very apt to attempt to acquire an outfit of traps as quickly as possible, without too critical consideration of how satisfactorily the equipment is going to serve him.

Based on a very considerable amount of experience, some of it

painful, a few suggestions are herein offered. Taking time right at the start to insure that equipment is as near perfection in certain essentials as possible is worthwhile.

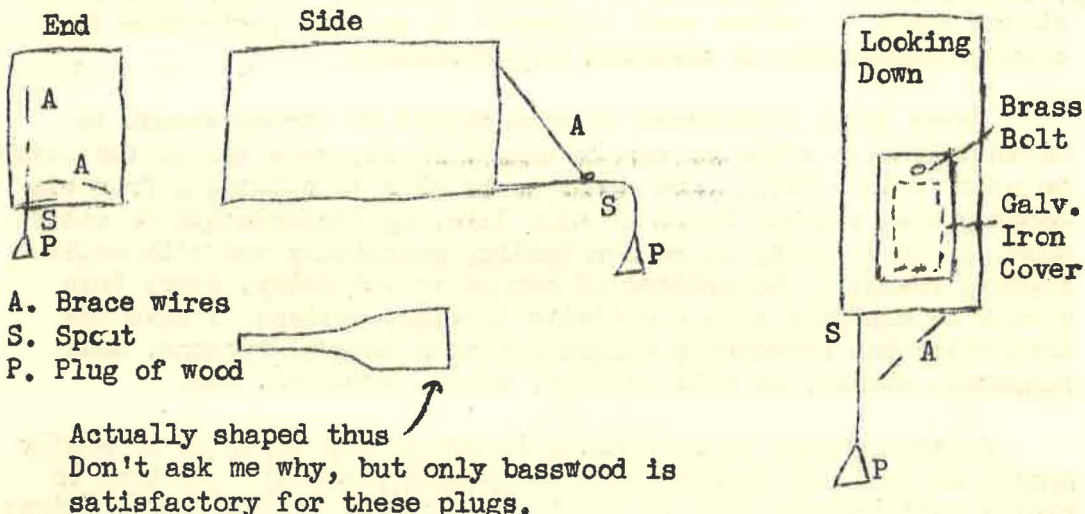
Every trap, regardless of size should be strong enough to definitely hold whatever may be caught in it, even though the catch be other than a bird. One needs to be able to eliminate from his banding area various forms of wild life, by deportation or otherwise, if he is going to pursue banding peacefully and with satisfactory results. Regardless of how heavy and bulky, every trap should be equipped with a delicate tripping device. I have one trap which has repeatedly caught and held several racoons, many opossums, skunks, as well as mice, wrens, warblers, etc.

No trap should be so fragile in any of its parts as to easily spring or bend and thereby fail to operate properly. No trap is really satisfactory that is liable to close as a result of a slight jar or a gust of wind; neither is one which fails to close, or sticks in closing, permitting a bird to escape."

M. L. Jones, Ledges State Park, Boone, Iowa, describes a water drip set-up as follows:

"The one-gallon can is supported by 4 yard long sticks made from 3/4" lumber cut 3/4" wide, (or good straight willow sprouts are O.K.).

Hay bailing twine (treated) is used as a "swing" support between the two front stakes. Same, of course, for back pair. The can is a used Prestone can with the openings soldered shut and a spout soldered in place. This spout I formerly made of 1/8" brass hollow tubing as used in the old fashioned gas lights, but I am now trying ordinary copper tubing of a small size (3/16" or near). This spout is braced vertically and horizontally by a small (#16 or 14) galv. wire soldered to the can, twisted once around the spout out 3" or so then back to the can.



I formerly used a "screw on" cap and soldered the drip wire into it. Mostly I now use the one sketched here and shown in the photo so I don't have to remove the can to fill it. I cut a rectangular hole in the top about 1-1/2 x 3" and place a cover slightly larger over this to keep out mice, bugs and trash. This cover is pivoted on a brass bolt at one end.

This one-gallon drip is dirt and dust proof as I found was not true of a bucket. It will last a half day, or two or three days, depending on how tightly the plug is pushed in. The whole outfit is very easily moved to a new site."

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Mr. G. Hapgood Parks, Hartford 5, Conn. continues the Junco discussion:

"Referring to Mr. Smiley's 'tentative conclusion' #1 (see page 2 of EBBA NEWS for August, 1951) may I report that, during the past summer, I was successful in trapping 3 adult, breeding Slate-colored Juncos, and 10 locally-hatched juveniles of the