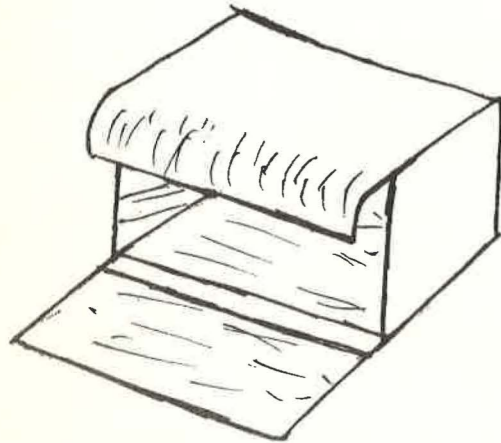


AN EASILY MADE BIRD FEEDER

by Merrill Wood



An ideal bird feeder may be made by placing an apple box (length 18 inches, depth 9 inches, and height $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches) on its side on top of a post (pipe with a diameter of 2 inches).

Cover box with roofing paper, leaving an over-hanging roof of five inches. Place a strip of wood (18 inches long and 1 inch high) across front of floor to prevent food from being blown out. Then add a porch-like

shelf in front (18 inches long and 10 inches wide).

If the entire feeder is painted black, except the inside of the box which should be painted white to reflect light, the feeder should function well in photographing birds while they are feeding at the station.

This feeder was tested at State College, Pa., and was found to be very satisfactory. The large front porch was found to be an important feature in making the feeder attractive to birds.

--The Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pa.

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TAKE YOUR TRAPS WITH YOU!

"Just before taking off, Saturday morning (for New Jersey), I pitched a sparrow trap and some bands into the car, thinking I might have a chance to do some banding. Stayed with our good friends, the Schaughencys, of Green Village. Thri yard teemed with birds, all waiting to be man-handled. During two relaxing days, I banded 70 birds of seven species, 43 Tree Sparrows predominating.

"Almost a busman's holiday, except that here at home I never can relax nor devote all my time to banding. Had I one more day and one more trap, I might have doubled the take! The Schaughencys delighted to have their birds dressed up in bands. May return in March - to finish the job!"

--Maurice Broun, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary,
Route 2, Kempton, Penna.

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IT PAYS TO CARRY BANDS WITH YOU!

Frank P. Frazier, Jr., 424 Highland Ave., Upper Montclair, New Jersey, has this to say about the wisdom of carrying bands at all times:

"While on a Christmas census near Manahawkin, New Jersey, I found a Saw-whet Owl sitting on the road shoulder. He was evidently dazed from flying into a wire, but he soon recovered and was able to fly perfectly. I banded and photographed him - thankful now for the bands which I always carry along on trips but never have used before. After banding it, we left the owl back in the pine woods.

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SHE MUST LIKE HER!

The following was received from Erma J. Fisk (Mrs. Bradley Fisk), 20 Berkley Place, Buffalo 9, New York, in a letter dated May 4, 1953. At this point, it should be mentioned that Mrs. Fisk is the capable editor of AUDUBON OUTLOOK, published quarterly by the Buffalo Audubon Society, Inc. EBBA members who live in the Buffalo area are especially urged to join this association which has an excellent program of field trips and meetings as well as owning the interesting Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge.

Applications for membership should be addressed to Miss Frances G. Rew, Treasurer, 309 Summer St., Buffalo 22, N.Y. Regular membership is \$1.50 per year; sustaining membership is \$5.00 per year.

Mrs. Fisk's letter follows:

"A female Cowbird, banded by me on April 19, at noon, at my Canadian home, seven miles from my Buffalo home, showed up in my Buffalo trap on April 29th. The band number is 52-112301.