

## A BUNGALOW TRAP

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This is a photograph of what I call my bungalow trap. It is nothing more nor less than a cut down house trap, four feet square by two feet high. The entrance chamber is 18 inches square. Since you cannot walk into this trap as you can into a full size house trap, removal is a bit of a problem. During the time this trap has been in use, I have developed a simple procedure for accomplishing this.



First, pull strings must be attached to the two inner doors, one on each side of the left hand door and one on the outside of the right hand door. The pull string (I find leather thongs best) on the inside of the left door goes through the mesh of the side of the trap proper so that this door may be pulled wide open. The thong on the front of this door goes through the roof of the trap so that the door may later be pulled closed. The thong on the front of the right hand door also goes through the roof of the trap.

To remove a bird, the left hand inner door is pulled open against the inside of the trap, the right hand door is pulled closed, and the single front door is pulled closed. Then the bird is driven into the entrance chamber and, with the thong through the roof of the trap, the left hand door is then pulled closed confining the bird to the small entrance chamber.

This entrance chamber has two take-out doors, one at ground level in the back corner and one in the top, back corner. I use a canary cage for collecting (except for chickadees and warblers) which I place on the ground outside of the trap, open the slide in the trap and drive the bird into the collecting cage.

The trap is collapsible, the sides hooking together and the roof just resting on the sides. In its year of use I have caught everything from chickadees to pheasants in it. It is, by far, my favorite trap.

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## HOW TO BUY NETS AT COST

In order to give all net permittees an opportunity to buy nets at cost, the Council has unanimously agreed to authorize Mrs. Eleanor E. Dater, Ramsey, New Jersey, to purchase and sell nets to EBBA members only on a subscription basis.

To sustaining or life members the price will be at cost (including cartage from Japan.) To regular members the price will be cost plus 50¢ per net. Only orders of 10 nets or more will be accepted (ten being the number most banders require in a year's time.) A check for \$1.25 for each net (sustaining members) or \$1.75 for each net (regular members) must accompany the order. Any addition to or subtraction from the quoted figure will be adjusted.

The nets are nylon, about 30 feet long and 6 feet high when placed. The reports on the 200 nets purchased in January are excellent. The demand for nets has been beyond all expectations. In fact, the only way to be sure that you are supplied for next year is to send your order at once to Mrs. Dater. The deadline for orders is October 10, 1957.

And remember - nets make excellent Christmas presents for a net permittee!

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COWBIRD BANDERS -  
MAINE TO FLORIDA  
By J. J. McDermott

It is unusual to receive recoveries from other banders at distance points, and most unusual to have recoveries from the extreme North and South in a period of about six weeks. Both of the following were banded at Paramus, New Jersey.

Cowbird #52-121128 Banded May 28, 1954. Recovered - Trapped and released by Mr. William Davidson, Orlando, Fla., March 10, 1957.

Cowbird #54-130814 Banded March 9, 1957. Recovered - Trapped and released by Mr. Edward J. Baker, Hallowell, Me., April 28, 1957.

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