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A TRAP FOR "PEEP" AND MEADOWLARKS

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To catch "Peeps" - small sandpipers - and Meadowlarks, we use a heart-shaped trap at our farm pond. This trap is set along the water's edge with lead-in wires of 1" x 2" mesh, one foot high, fastened to the trap on both sides. Two sizes of traps are used as illustrated.

The necks of the entrances can be straight or S-curved in shape. The curved entrance makes it harder for the birds to escape, but likewise the birds do not enter so readily. Cowfeed can be used for bait for Meadowlarks, Vesper Sparrows, Savannah Sparrows, Cowbirds, Redwings, Starlings, etc. We use no bait for peeps, in fact we did not catch any of them this summer because a mine crack drained all the water from the pond. We used the bare ground in the pond to catch many field birds and even caught about 1000 young Starlings there in July.

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