

sand, sawdust, coal ashes and/or frequent use of a hoe. To accomplish this with less work a herbicide was tested.

On June 18, 1957 the ground (10 x 6 feet) in and around an all-purpose trap was freed of all vegetation and then was sprayed from a flower watering can with two pounds of DuPont Ammate (active ingredient ammonium sulfamate 80%) in four gallons of water. The cost of this treatment was \$1.15.

At the end of the growing season, October 18, 1957, the treated area had five small weeds. An adjacent control area became thoroughly covered with plants and had to be weeded with a hoe four times, July 13, Aug. 3, Aug. 26 and Oct 18. The lack of hoeing under the trap was appreciated.

However, while the use of a herbicide in this place seemed useful, it was discovered it should be used only with great care. The poison used must be watered in thoroughly the day after applied since it is toxic to birds, and all birds must be kept off for the first two days that the herbicide is sinking into the soil. Also, there must not be any tree roots under this treated ground or that part of the tree so supplied will die. In this experiment one robin went onto the treated ground the second day where it ate food and died, going through a pattern similar to birds dying from DDT poisoning. Birds that were in the trap on the third day repeated on future days.

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