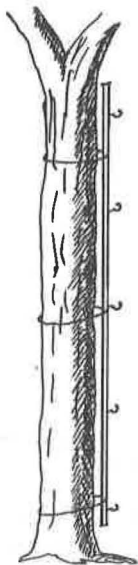


WOODED AREA BIRDBATH, NET & TRAPS

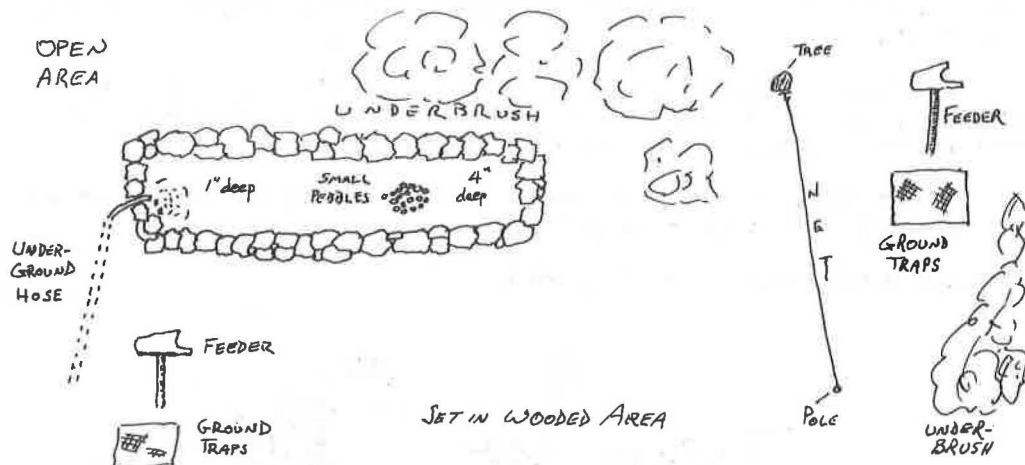
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The drawings show my layout of traps, net and birdbath - really a miniature pond made of plastic sheet - located in a wooded area. The drawing at the left shows my board-support for a net, for use with a tree. The board is $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, 2" wide, and 7' long. Five $1\frac{1}{2}$ " screw hooks are screwed into it. It is attached to the tree with wire, and can readily be moved to another location.



I have made a successful birdbath out of heavy 4-mil plastic sheet, measuring 4' x 22' and giving actual birdbath size of 2' x 20'. The ground is dug about 6" to 8" deep, and the plastic sheet laid into the hole; stones are placed around the edges to hold it secure, and small stones and pebbles are placed at the bottom. An inexpensive plastic hose was laid 2" underground, leading into the bath at one end, and the other end fastened to an outdoor outlet, where the drip needed to attract birds can be controlled.

Once a week I remove two stones at the deep end, lower the plastic, and wash out the bath by turning on the water full. The plastic will last a number of seasons if it is not torn by animals - if it is, it can be repaired by laying on a new piece of plastic. The underground hose will last for years (one has been in use for six years) and nothing is taken up for the winter.



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