

### AFO MIST NETS

The Association of Field Ornithologists sells mist nets for approved purposes as a service to members and the scientific community, and to support AFO's research and publications programs.

Make inquiries or orders to MIST NETS, Manomet Observatory for Conservation Sciences, Box 1770, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345 USA. Manomet Observatory acts as agent for AFO in the sale of Mist Nets. Telephone: (508)224-6521 (answering machine during non-business hours). FAX: (508)224-9220 (24 hours a day).

*Net description.*—All nets are made of black nylon and are tethered to prevent bunching in a breeze. In the specifications below, height is as designated by our manufacturer (users should allow slack in order to form shelf pockets). Mesh size figures are for stretched netting, i.e., the longest possible distance. Denier indicates the weight of thread (lower is lighter and less visible to birds). All yarn is two-ply, except ETX (four-ply).

Type	Length (m)	Height (m)	# shelves	Mesh (mm)	Denier	Invoice price	Prepaid price*
ATX	12	2.6	4	36	70	\$51	\$49
CTX	12	2.6	4	61	110	\$51	\$49
DTX	6	2.6	4	36	70	\$28	\$26
ETX	12	2.6	2	121	210	\$45	\$43
FTX	12	2.6	4	24	70	\$66	\$64
GTX	6	2.6	4	24	70	\$38	\$36
HTX	12	2.6	4	30	70	\$56	\$54
JTX	6	2.6	4	30	70	\$33	\$31
LTX	20	2.6	5	36	70	\$119	\$115

\* AFO Members receive an *extra 10%* off on prepaid orders.

We try to keep all nets in stock for immediate shipment, but delays sometimes occur for a variety of reasons (manufacturing delays, customs delays, strikes, etc.). We urge you to order early if you know your needs in advance.

*Choice of Mist Net Types.*—Net choice is partly a matter of personal preference, but here are some general guides. In general, use 12 meter types if you have the space, and 6 meter only where space is limited. The best mesh size depends on the species to be captured. No one size is efficient for all sizes of birds; outside the proper range of size, the net may be inefficient, become tangled, or birds may damage the net. *24 mm.*—Specialty size for kinglets and the smallest wood warblers. *30 mm.* recommended for wood warblers in general. The line of peak efficiency between this and 36mm falls between birds taking U.S. band size 1 or less (30mm) and those taking 1B or larger (36mm). (See Bird-Banding 37:

280–286.) *36 mm*: the general purpose size for smaller birds (see above). *61 mm*: for doves, grackles, medium-sized shorebirds, the largest thrushes. *121 mm*: grouse, large shorebirds, small to medium-sized ducks and hawks.

*Prices and shipping*.—Our prices include shipping costs by surface parcel post within the U.S. If desired, we can ship by other methods at the actual cost (which we will invoice if you have prepaid the order). We make every effort to deliver by the desired date, but requests should consider the limitations of the postal service. Note that we do not ship via freight forwarders or consolidators.

Please note that our prices may change when our costs change. If you need a firm price quote it would be best to check by contacting us shortly before placing your order. Massachusetts customers should add sales tax (currently 5%) unless exempt under law.

For shipments outside the U.S., the purchaser must (1) arrange any import license or other formalities; (2) pay any customs duties or other charges levied by his or her country; and (3) send full payment for the nets with the order. Postage costs will be billed later in a separate invoice. If you are a *new customer* from outside the U.S. or Canada, we also require a letter describing how the nets will be used. Your letter should identify the person responsible for use of the nets. We also require a copy of any permits required by your country for capturing wild birds. If no permits are required, then please provide us with the names, addresses, and telephone/fax numbers of three professional wildlife experts who are familiar with your work. If possible, please include one name of an ornithologist or person known by international conservation organizations.

*Making your order*.—Please make checks or U.S. money orders PAYABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS. If invoices must be on a special form, please supply the proper forms with the order. U.S. and Canada: *Please show the applicable permit number on every order.*

Institutional purchasing agents should name the individual(s) responsible for use of the nets and show their permit number. AFO sells nets only for scientific purposes, and only to individuals and institutions that appear qualified to use them. We will decline sales where qualifications appear inadequate or unproven. Nets will not be sold for purposes such as control of the numbers of birds, for commercial collection, or for resale.