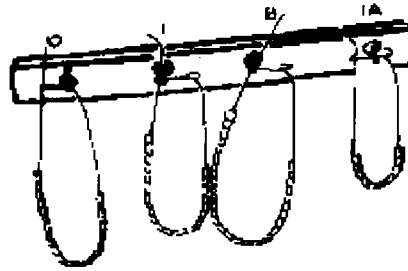

News, Notes, Comments

NEEDED: HOUSE FINCH DATA

Sherie Zahn, Department of Biological Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106, needs data from long-term banding studies of House Finches and information about the present location of the data collected by Harold and Josephine Michener of Pasadena, California, in the 1920's and 1930's. She can be contacted at (805) 893-2532, FAX: (805) 893-4724.



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