

ANOTHER MANUALLY OPERATED TRAP  
by Bruce Adams

I have three traps, all of which I made myself. Perhaps you have heard of a book called 'Wings at My Window'. In this book is given a detailed description of a trap with a hinged door on top which is controlled by a string from the house. All three of my traps are designed like this, and they work well with ground feeding birds. I have never seen any details for other types of traps, so these are the only ones I have. When I started banding, the Manual for Bird-Banders was out of print, so I got no help from that source. I am particularly interested in plans for a woodpecker or creeper trap, and I am in favor of having plans printed in EBBA News. -- 40 Summit Road, Riverside, Conn.

(Note: This note was written about two years ago, in response to a questionnaire submitted to the membership. It is hoped that Mr. Adams and others have benefitted from recent information on traps in EBBA News.--Ed.)

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A RUN ON DICKCISSELS

During the fall of 1954, Mr. W. A. Jarvis, Pemberton, New Jersey, trapped eight Dickcissels in two months; they certainly are being taken in increasingly greater number in the East than ever before. Mr. Jarvis also banded over 100 Fox Sparrows, over 500 White-throated Sparrows, and over 50 Myrtle Warblers.

A Cooper's Hawk entered one of Mr. Jarvis's traps in which were two Fox Sparrows and a Meadow Mouse; interestingly enough, the hawk took the mouse and neglected the Fox Sparrows despite its being a so-called 'bird hawk'.

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AN INTERESTING JUNCO RECOVERY

A Slate-colored Junco banded at Norristown, Pennsylvania, on October 10, 1950, was found dead at Sylacauga, Alabama, on December 25, 1951. Mr. Middleton says that this bird was one of the early fall Juncos which appear for a few days and then disappear; many times such flocks arrive one day and are gone the next. He adds that he rarely gets reports from these early arrivals. He has long suspected that keep right on moving southward, but this is his first record in over thirty years of banding in support of his supposition.

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