



FEEDERS IN TRAPPING

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Feeders play an important part in the banding of birds. Feeders attract birds to the banding area and these, in turn, attract others to the area. An efficient feeding station for all types of birds can become a desirable banding station.

Probably many banders have started this way, by feeding birds, then turning to banding for further study in ornithology.

I had placed hanging feeders out, and the wondered why the ground feeding birds did not enter the traps; the titmice, chickadees, and nuthatches would scrape around for a sunflower seed and much of the other food would fall to the ground where the juncos and sparrows would feed and not bother going into the ground traps. In solving this problem I placed the feeders over the traps, with all the spilled seed falling into the trap and eliminating of putting feed in these traps. The photograph at the left shows the arrangement.--Route 4, Reading, Pa.