

CONTROLLING NETS IN THE WIND

By Gail C. Cannon

At the meeting in Ramsey over a year ago, Chandler Robbins, Seth Low and I were talking about netting difficulties. One of my big ones, and I presume it troubles all of us at times, is wind. As we live quite high on the side of a mountain, the wind makes it impossible to put the nets up many days. Mr. Robbins said if I ever found a solution to the problem, be sure to let everyone know about it.

One day as I was taking some birds out of one of the nets, my grandson was watching and asked why so few nets were up, only those at right angles to the wind. When he heard my explanation, he said there surely must be some solution. Later, as we were getting ready to go fishing, he suddenly looked up from my case and said, "Wouldn't these help?" He was holding up a box of B B Split Shot used for weights. So we tried it out. It is as nearly foolproof as anything can be. Use them as in the picture below, being sure to catch a strand of mesh in with the line before pinching the shot closed. Also, be sure your net is as easily spaced on the trammel lines as possible.

I will admit that sometimes I have a little trouble with the net catching on the shot when I open it up, but that is very little trouble, really. Perhaps this suggestion will help others with the wind problem.

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