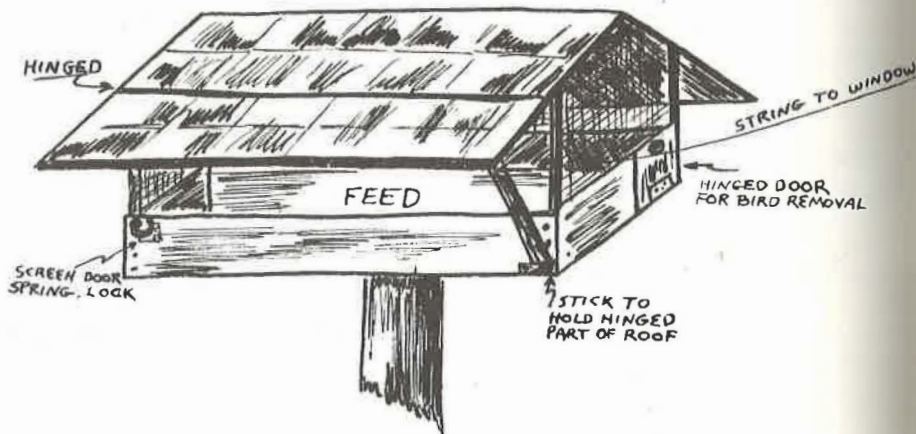


DUAL PURPOSE FEEDER-TRAP by Joseph J. Malek (Vol. 18, No. 1, p. 4): being a weekend and a few minutes here and there bandler, I find that automatic traps are not practical for me. I have depended mostly on a combination of a feeder and a trap, utilizing a drop door.

The feeder-trap illustrated measures 30 x 18 x 18 inches at the peak (the overall size need not be as large as I have made mine.) It is nothing more than a tray feeder with a roof. Three sides are covered with wire mesh and one side is left open. The hinged part of the roof is fitted so that when it drops it covers the opening. A stick holds the roof section in open position; when the string is pulled, the door falls, capturing the desired bird.



To hold the door closed, a screen door spring lock with a weaker spring is used; as the door descends, it trips the lock and holds the door in place. For bait, suet can be tied on the wire mesh, inside the feeder. In this trap I have captured Cardinals, Juncos, Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Chickadees and Sparrows.