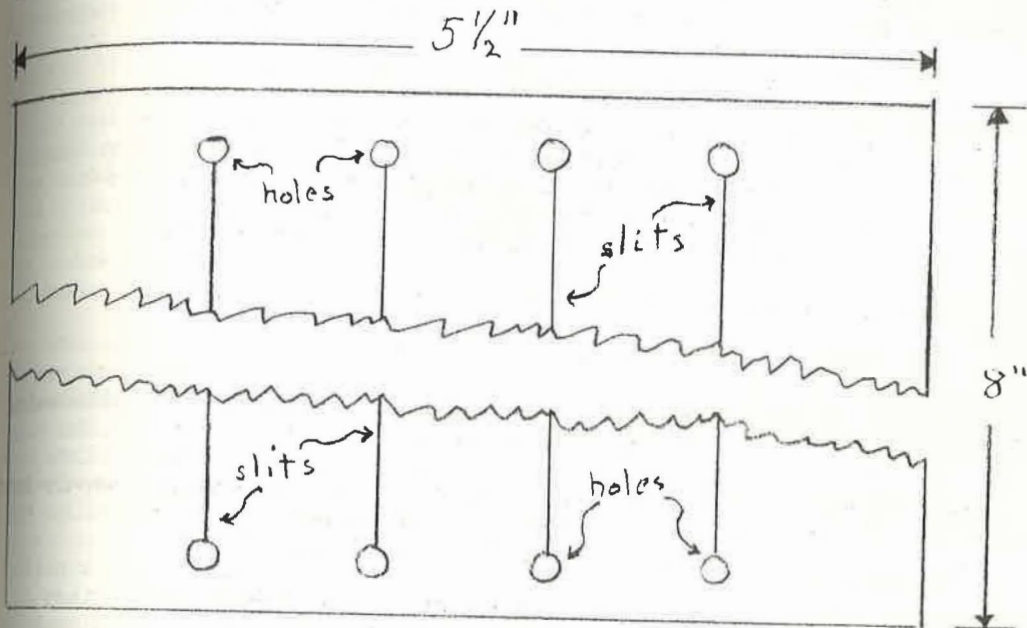


### A RUBBER CAGE DOOR

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A piece of inner tube, approximately 8" x 5½", with slits cut in it as shown in the sketch, makes an excellent door to a gathering cage.

Birds cannot escape through the slits, but the bander can insert a hand through one of the slits and withdraw the bird. It is best to bring the bird out head first. With the customary use of care in handling, birds are not injured. I have used several of these inner tube devices over a period of a dozen years without a single resultant injury.



Rubber Cage Door. Scale: 1/2 inch = 1 inch.

Note the round holes at each end of the slits. They may be cut with a leather punch or similar tool. This is necessary in order to prevent the slits from tearing the tube (because of strains caused by frequent use of the cage door.)

Slits are made by a single cut from hole to hole with scissors or knife. Slits 6" long from hole to hole permit the withdrawal of birds up to the size of Blue Jays and Mourning Doves.

The tubing may be fastened to welded wire or hardware cloth with twists of wire, with string, or with Squeeze-Klips. It may be fastened to wooden cages with staples or upholstery tacks.