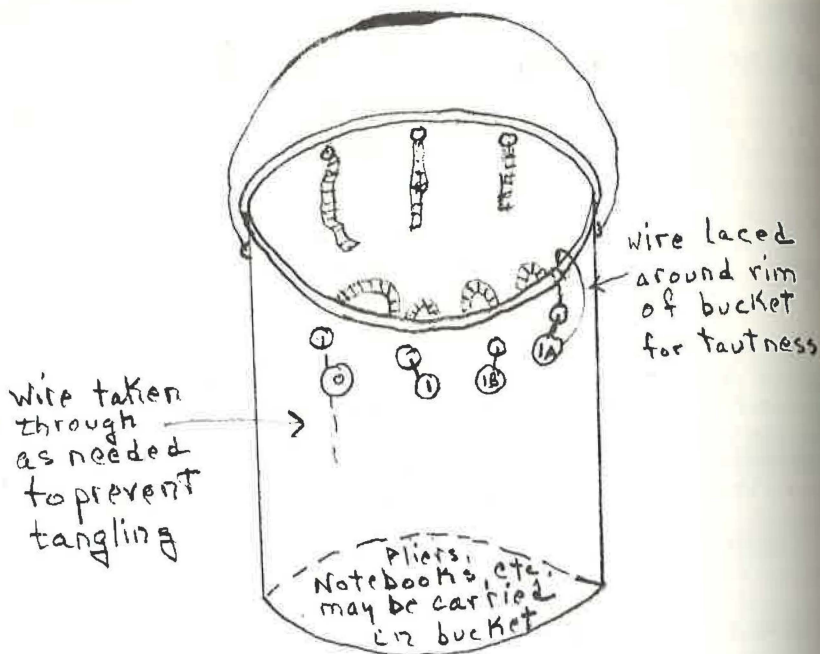


BAND HOLDER

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When I started banding, Dr. Paul Fluck of Washington Crossing gave me the idea of a bucket band and tool holder.



The bucket is made of plastic. Punch out small holes below the rim. Insert one end of the wire that holds the string of bands through the hole from the inside. (Make sure that the lowest numbered band is nearest the hole.) Fasten a tag to the end of the wire outside the bucket (the string of bands dangles inside the bucket, of course.) On one side of the tag write the band size: 0, 1, 1B, etc. Species frequently banded with this size band, may be noted on the reverse of the tag. I also place a piece of transparent adhesive tape over the tag for longer wear.

Bands are removed by the use of your favorite band opener. After several bands are used, the wire can be shortened by pulling it through the hole -- lacing it around the bucket rim and back through the hole to the outside again. This keeps the string of bands taut - prevents tangling.

Band opener, banding pliers, notebooks, record sheets, and other necessary items may be carried inside the plastic bucket.

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