

## ANOTHER COMPACT BAND CARRYING RIG

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In EBBA News, Vol. 27, No. 1, pg. 22, you'll find Bob Cohen's compact rig, which I have also tried and find very effective. I am still looking, however, for the 'ideal' rig (and I will probably never find it, since everyone has his own taste) and have come up with another idea. This rig consists of following basic parts:

- Wooden base
- A carton tube
- Some spikes cut from wire hangers
- Some picture hanging wire
- Some (4) Electrical wire tags

Discription: Seven spikes, cut from wire hangers are fastened to a wooden base and held at the top by the tubular carton (also from wirehangers). The latter tube is held in position by two spikes which are fastened on the bottom base in similar manner as the seven spikes. These spikes go through the carton tube and come together some  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " over the tube where they overlap and are then fastened together with the picture hanging wire. Of course the rig can be made with 9 spikes for bands, but at present I only need it for seven. In such a case measurements as indicated in fig. 2 can be used. The carton tube can slide up or down the two end spikes. The seven receptacles in carton tube, see fig. 1, do not go all the way through. When I am traveling, I insert the seven spikes in their respective receptacles and use a rubberband (from base to carton tube) to prevent it from sliding up. It is very secure. In the field I push the seven spikes aside (since pantshanger metal is flexible) and slide the carton tube alongside the seven spikes until it rests in the highest sitting band. This is very handy in the field, when removing a band, one can just push the spike away from the tube a little and lift the band off.

The size as illustrated in fig. 2 holds 29 bands of sizes 0 thru 1B and 24 bands of sizes 2, 3 and 3A. (Total - 188 bands) In fig. 3 - you will note that the seven spikes for bands are one inch apart but in the base, the holes between the spikes are drilled to receive the bentover ends of the spike immediately to its left. This secures the spike sufficiently, to make the whole affair sturdy. The wire tacks on the bottom, in each corner, act as little 'legs' to the base.

The present model will stand unsupported on a flat surface. Of course, this model can be modified, made bigger or smaller according to your individual needs.

The pants hangers with the carton tubes and double hanger are thin enough for sizes 0 and 1. Other sizes can use normal hanger wire.

When banding many birds in a relatively short period of time, this rig has proven to me to be very handy.

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FIG 1.

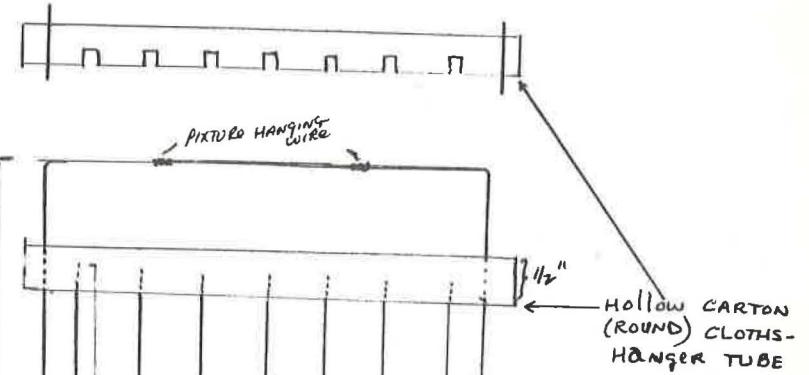


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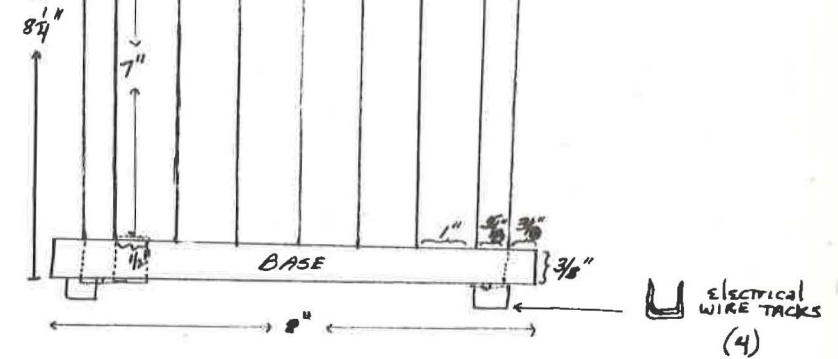


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