

Instructions

SD-1 Spare-O-Door

SPARROW TRAP FOR MARTIN HOUSES BY NATURE HOUSE INC.

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Any time a trapping device is in use it **MUST BE CLOSELY MONITORED** to insure prompt release of beneficial species.

Development of Nature House Inc. aluminum martin houses help control two problems. Before the Trio or DuraCraft line of housing, heavy wooden houses without access to the interior of the compartments were havens for European starlings and English (house) sparrows. But starlings will rarely nest in an aluminum house and sparrows are much easier to control. The vertical raising and lowering of the houses by use of cables, lanyards or telescoping posts gives easy and safe access to compartments. Removable doors make cleaning easier and the removal of sparrow nests practical.

However, many martin landlords still have trouble with sparrows that persist in nesting. This trap will help solve that problem. The SD-1 Spare-O-Door can be used only in Trio or DuraCraft houses and will not fit any other martin house compartment. It is a supplement to the ground and pole traps and cannot replace them for general year round control.

The ST-1 Sparrow Trap, by Nature House Inc., is

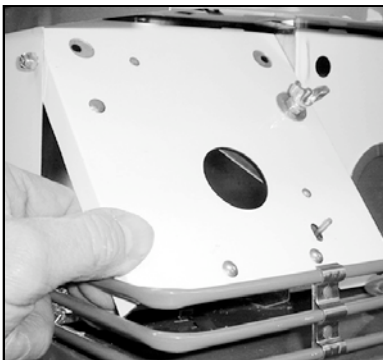
a ground or pole trap that uses food or nesting materials for bait is effective year round.

Before purple martins arrive in the spring, it is recommended that winter door stops be kept in all compartments except one. The SD-1 trap is placed in that opening. This will catch sparrows seeking nesting sites.

After the first martins arrive, and until they arrive in numbers, leave one side of the house closed; this increases the chance of sparrows entering the trap. Leave the house open on a side most easily observed. Wait until a sparrow builds or starts to build a nest. The nest is then removed and the trap installed in its place.

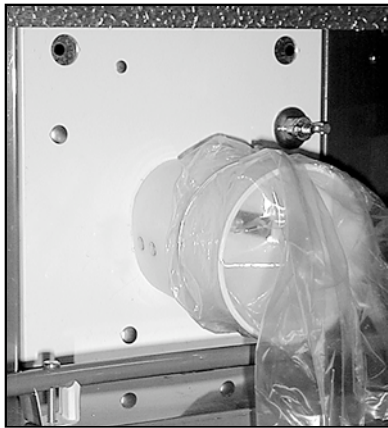
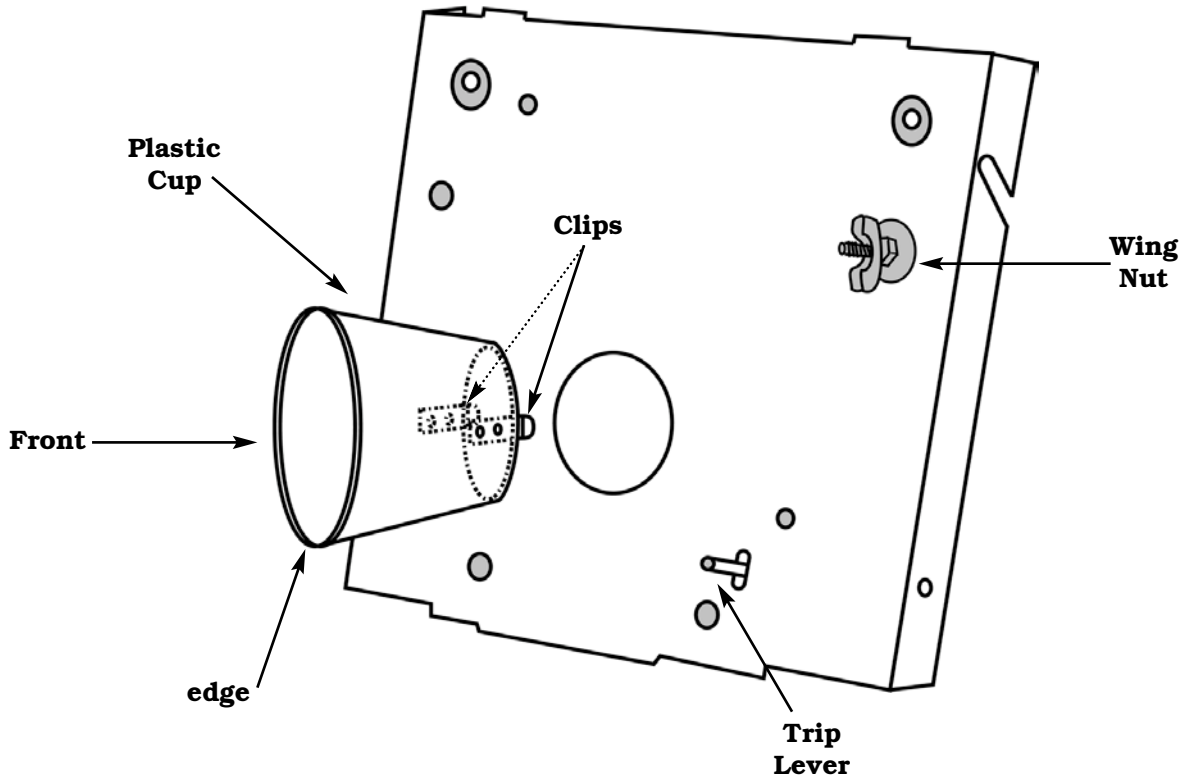
If the female is caught first, the male will return and can be caught. If the male is caught first however, the female may return but may also abandon the site. It is advisable to reset the trap for a period. Both male and female return quickly when eggs or young are in the nest.

Installation and operation of the SD-1



- 1. REMOVE DOOR** from compartment where trap is to be used by depressing floor catch and swinging door out at bottom. Door can now be slid back to disengage slots on wire and then lifted out. (If dri-nest subfloor is used, remove while trapping.) Nesting materials that might interfere with trap operation should be removed.
- 2. WITH TRAP IN TRIPPED POSITION**, install by hooking slots over wire and closing.
- 3. TO SET TRAP**, raise gate by turning wing nut in clockwise direction. After gate is raised push down on trip lever and lower gate to engage trip. Make sure gate moves freely. This can be checked by tripping — raise up on trip lever. Gate should drop quickly. Reset trap.
- 4. HOUSE CAN NOW BE RAISED.** Care should be taken to raise without jarring or shaking house. Check to see that trap is in “set” position after raising. (Orange gate will show if tripped.)
- 5. AFTER SPARROW IS CAUGHT**, lower house and use “removal device” (page 2).

SD-1 Removal Device



- 6. PLACE OPEN END OF PLASTIC BAG** over front of plastic cup holding in place with rubber band (included).
- 7. HOLD REMOVAL DEVICE** in one hand with clips parallel to floor of house. Place removal device in front of trap with plastic bag over rail.
- 8. OPEN TRAP** by turning clockwise. Apply pressure across clips of removal device and snap clips into hole of trap. You may rotate removal device until clips hold trap open. Sparrow may come out immediately. If not, tapping will usually expedite this process. Removal device can be left between trap and front rail of house as long as needed for the sparrow to exit the compartment.
- 9. AFTER SPARROW IS REMOVED**, trap can be reset or regular door re-installed.

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