

## **Manufacturing Attractive Bird Products**

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## Deluxe Universal Sparrow Trap

Deluxe Universal Sparrow Trap is very effective for capturing House Sparrows and European Starlings. This trap fits inside the compartment of a wide variety of martin housing. The trap will capture the birds alive and unharmed. Traps will capture non targeted species so it is very important to monitor the trap every two hours. It is a good idea to close the trap if it will be unattended for a period of time. Trapped birds may die of exposure or starvation if left inside for a long period of time.

Place the trap inside the compartment in which a sparrow or starling is using. To avoid capturing non targeted birds, we do not recommend placing the trap randomly inside a martin house. Depending on the type of housing, you may need to remove subfloors or nesting trays so the trap is not exposed in the entrance. If the sparrow or starling has nesting material inside the compartment, push the nesting material to the side. If room permits, leave the nesting material exposed so the bird still sees its nest when entering the trap.

After placing the trap inside a compartment, pivot the thumbscrew counterclockwise to raise the shutter. The trap must be positioned horizontally for the shutter to fall properly. Set the tripping mechanism by reaching in with your finger and pulling the tripping mechanism forward until the mechanism is under the raised shutter. Let the shutter rest on the tripping mechanism. The weight of the shutter will hole the mechanism in position. When the bird enters and hops onto the back of the tripping mechanism, it will pivot causing the shutter to fall and trapping the bird.

When monitoring the trap, if you see the red trap door is closed, check the trap. After lowering your house, remove the entire trap from the compartment. Once the trapped bird has been positively identified as being a sparrow or starling, eliminate by method of your choice. If you have captured the female of either a sparrow or starling, we recommend placing the trap back inside the compartment. Continue to trap until the male has been captured. The male of either species, if the female is captured, will attract another female. Thus if the male is not captured, the pest bird problem will often continue until the male is eliminated.