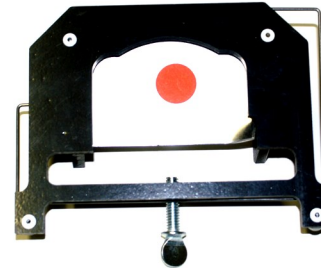




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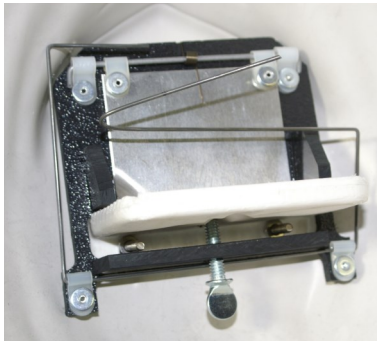
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### Super Gourd Trap



Super Gourd Trap is very effective for capturing House Sparrows and European Starlings. 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. To avoid capturing non targeted birds, we do not recommend placing the trap randomly inside a gourd. 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.

A gourd in which a sparrow or starling is using, place the trap inside through the access opening . The thumb screw will need to be removed for the trap to fit through the opening. Once the trap is inside the gourd, thread the thumb screw back into the trap. To remove the trap, unthread the thumb screw. If the sparrow or starling has nesting material inside the gourd, 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. The trap will slide over the inside porch. The trip wire will also need to be on top of the porch for the trap to work. Slide the trap to the front of the gourd. With your fingers, turn the thumb screw until snug. Do not over tighten the thumb screw.



Pivot the shutter upward and place the trip wire under the shutter. When the trap is set, the trip wire should hold the shutter in an open position. The bird, when entering the trap, will walk across the wire. The bird's weight will over balance the wire thus allowing the shutter to close the entrance.

The height that the trip wire is above the porch (when the trap is set) can vary depending on the height of your inside porch. The trip wire can be adjusted by twisting the wire that is above the porch.



When monitoring the trap, if you see the red dot on the door is closed, check the trap. After lowering your gourd rack, usually you can hear a bird fluttering inside. Unscrew the cap and cover the opening with your hand. 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 gourd. 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.