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T14 Metal Trap

T14 Traps are 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. 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. 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. Open the trap door by pushing the door inward. When the door is horizontal or higher press the front of the brown pendulum down. When the trap is set, the small trip wheel should hold the door in an open position. The bird, when entering the trap, will walk across the pendulum. The bird's weight will over balance the pendulum thus allowing the door to shut.

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.