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Trendsetter Insert Trap

Trendsetter Insert Traps are designed for martin houses, where the martin enters the side of a compartment, with round, crescent or excluder entrances. To avoid capturing non targeted birds, we do not recommend placing the trap randomly inside a martin house. Traps should only be used inside the compartments in which a sparrow or starling is using. 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. Before inserting the trap into the compartment, remove the wire subfloor, nesting tray or any nesting material. If a sparrow or starling has nesting material in the compartment, we recommend putting some of the material inside to help camouflage the trap. Keep all nesting material away from the wire trap release and sliding door so the moving parts are not obstructed. If the red trap door does not slide freely, clean the track in which the trap door slides in.

Setting the trap: Open the top sliding lid to set the trap. Caution: Set the trap from the inside only. Do not reach through the trap entrance with your finger or hand. The red trap door is spring loaded and may cause injury if released against your finger or hand. Set only the one side of the trap in which the bird enters the compartment. Slide the red trap door back beyond the wire trap release. Lift up the wire trap release and gently let the red trap door rest against the wire. Close the sliding lid and insert the trap into the compartment. With excluder entrances, adjust the trap so the entrance is not covered. With round entrances, adjust the trap so the plastic grommet doesn't obstruct the red sliding trap door when it closes.

When monitoring the trap, if you see the red trap door is closed, check the trap. A trapped bird will normally flutter when inside. After lowering your house, remove the entire trap from the compartment. There is no reason to have fear of the trapped bird. A sparrow or starling may latch onto your skin with their beaks. This is often startling but not painful. 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.