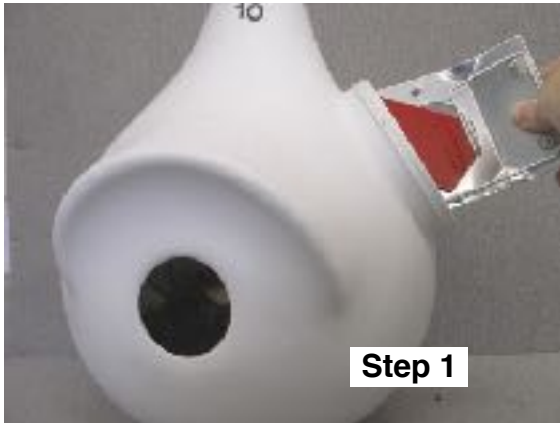


SuperGourd Insert Trap

Installation in to your own provided SuperGourd is a snap. The trip mechanizing has been preset for you

Step 1) Unscrew threaded access port and insert the trap into the gourd.



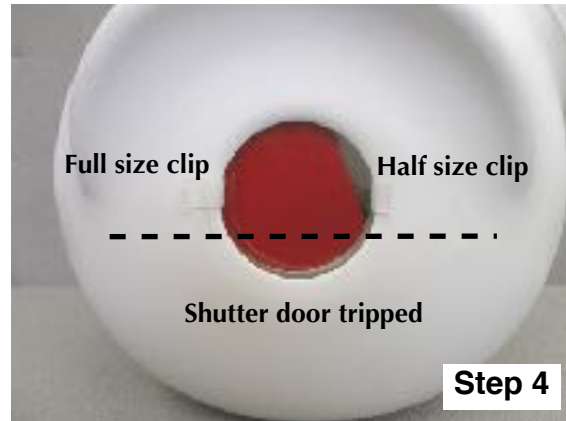
Step 2) The trap has a full size clip and a half clip. You want to mount the trap into the entrance hole by sliding the full size clip onto the far side of the entrance hole.



Step 2A) From the outside of the gourd, push the shutter door up and slide your hand into the opening and wrap your fingers around the trap and with a pulling motion that also pushes towards the full clip, the half clip should snap into place.



Step 3) Make sure the clips are horizontally aligned to the entrance hole of the gourd.



Step 5) To set the trap lift the shutter door and place the wire trip mechanism up and place the shutter onto the wire trip mechanism. The weight of the door will hold the mechanism in place. The trap will go off when the bird lands on the trip wire causing the shutter to rapidly drop capturing the bird. When the bird is trapped the shutter door is visible from the ground looking up to the gourd.



How to use this trap effectively

The SuperGourd insert Trap works best in capturing House Sparrows or European Starlings during the cavity hunting stages during early spring, OR if you

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already have a nesting House Sparrow or European Starling swap the gourds out, being sure to replace the nesting material.

House Sparrow



Be a responsible trap operator. The trap should be visually checked every 1/2 hour. (**Tip!** I use a wind up kitchen timer and keep it with me) Identify the trapped bird by using a field guide. Only non native birds; the House Sparrow and European Starling may be disposed of.

What to do with trapped birds. Once you have identified the captured bird as either a Starling or House sparrow, you have a decision of what to do with it. Some people choose to kill the birds, others transport them 10 to 20 miles away and release them. This latter option really serves no purpose other than to waste fuel. Starlings and House Sparrows have great homing ability and will fly right back to your yard in a matter of hours. Releasing trapped birds in someone else's neighborhood just passes the problem on to their yards. Should you decide to kill

the birds, you have several options. You can place them in a plastic bag, and spray ether into the bag; you can place them in a plastic garbage bag, then fill the bag with exhaust from a car; you can place them in your fist and squeeze their rib cage tightly (front to back) for 60 seconds preventing their breathing; you can wring their necks; or you can place them in a mesh bag and submerge them in a bucket of water.

Resetting the Trap: Should you need to reset the trap in order to capture the mate of the starling or House Sparrow you just caught (if you caught the female, the male will stay and find a new mate), reset the shutter by reaching into the gourd through the access door. To reset the trap, slide the shutter up clockwise until it is in the horizontal position, then, holding it there, lift up the tripping arm and place it under the shutter (the now vertical, tripping arm should be flush against the metal of the trap's front wall). Drop the shutter onto the tripping arm. The weight of the shutter holds the tripping arm in place and visa versa. Carefully remove your hand without hitting the tripping arm. Replace the access door cap and carefully raise the gourd rack system back up to its normal height. The weight of the metal shutter will prevent it from tripping accidentally in the wind, or while the gourd rack is being raised.

Removing the trap: As soon as you have caught the House Sparrow or starling that was using the Super-Gourd, remove the trap so that a martin can use the gourd. Lower the rack, open the access door, and unhook the trap by unclipping the long clip. The trap will come unattached from the entrance holes. Remove the trap through the access door, and your SuperGourd will be ready for martins again.

For Crescent SuperGourds: You will need to modify the trap to work in the crescent entrance. Simply remove the 1/2 clip on the trap, and replace with a full size clip. Make sure the clip is oriented horizontally as seen in step 4 photo. Each SGIT should ship with 2 full size replacement clips.

