

2018 Birds Team Methods - February 26th, 2018

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Methods for the Bird Team

There are many different methods when it comes to catching birds in the rainforest. The main thing that needs to be done is to know how to set up the net and how to catch the birds.

Capturing the birds is called mist netting. When a bird is caught, we have to hold the bird by the legs-- this way the bird is either hurt nor capable of escaping. We then need to take notes about the bird's measurements, its sex, the species, amount of fat, whether it has feathers on its belly or not, and the kinds of feathers it has. After recording the information, we release the bird back to the wild.

For the construction of mist netting, we need

- two poles
- the mist net
- four stakes
- Two steel rebars
- hammer and a rope (three meters is fine)

We follow these steps to set up for mist netting:

1. Take the steel rebars on opposite sides and hammer them down
2. With the mist net all in order, put the panels on the poles and then put the poles on the steel rebars
3. Take two stakes and hammer them into the ground on opposite sides of the pole at a 45° angle.
4. With the rope, tie a knot on each of the stakes
5. Go between the panels and tie a knot to tighten the mist net