

The 2019 Bird Team's Methods - February 27th, 2019

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In the Costa Rican rainforest, the Birds Team uses mist nets to catch a variety of birds throughout each day. Our goal is to catch and tag local birds, as well as track migratory bird patterns. In order to set up these mist nets, we use the following: Two Stakes, Two Steel Rebars, A Mist Net, Rope, and Two poles. The nets we use are not tight, which allows the birds to fall into pockets of the net without injuring them, and the threads in the mist net is fine. They're is a specific way to set up each net to make sure they cannot be blown away. The stakes use be driven deep enough that rain can't wash it away with the mud, and to ensure a larger bird does not fly through the net and take off with it.

1. Hammer both steel rebar's firmly into the ground.
2. Place the pan also on top of the poles
3. Put the poles on top of the rebar
4. Make sure the nets are not drawn taut and are not touching the ground
5. Hammer two stakes into the ground on opposite sides of the poles
6. Tie a knot between each stake to a pole to keep it in place to ensure the net does not fall over