

Dear Sir,

In response to the Editorial in SAFRING NEWS Volume 10 (1981), I would like to advise that a backyard garden ringing scheme is a rewarding pastime.

During December 1981 I became frustrated by the Cape wind and not being able to mist net. I then decided to build myself a "walk-in" trap, which is a very inexpensive item as it uses all the bits of scrap iron in your garage.

This trap was placed in my back garden on 6 December 1981, and by mid-February 1982 I had ringed 250 birds. I must admit that the variety is not large but a fantastic amount of information can be obtained by selecting species. The number of retraps obtained is also astounding and a number of the birds became so "trap-happy" that they are retrapped twice a day.

For those interested, I have found the best mixture of seed is: 2 kg Chic-chic 1, and 1 kg mixed bird seed plus 0,5 kg sun flower seed.

The dimensions of the trap are as follows:

Length:	620 mm
Breadth:	400 mm
Height:	220 mm

The two funnels are situated along the breadth.

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