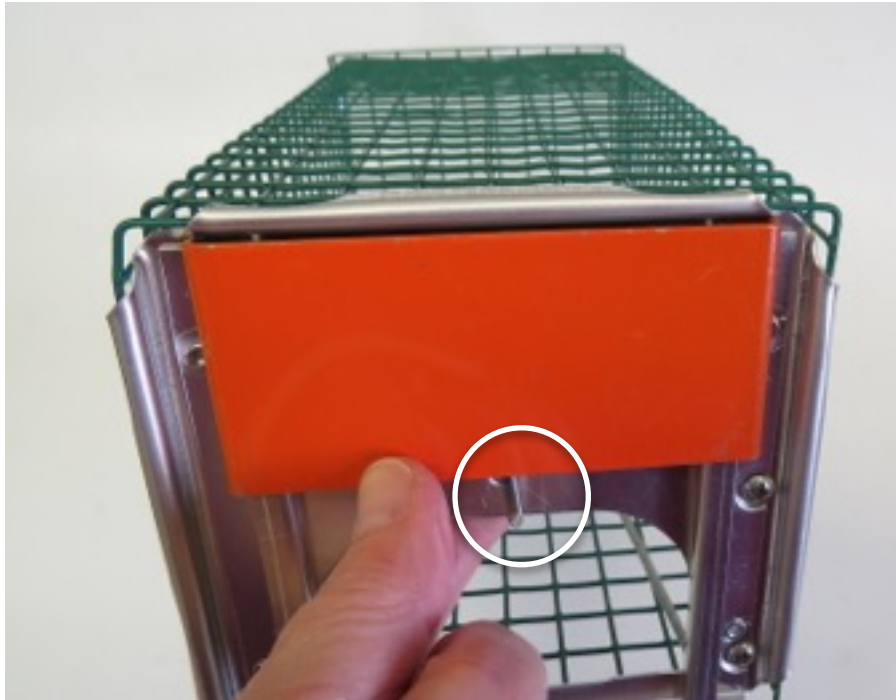


# In-House Universal Sparrow Trap-Long



The Universal Sparrow Trap Long will catch House Sparrows and starlings but you may also inadvertently catch non targeted birds such as Blue Birds, Tree Swallows or Purple Martins so it is extremely important that you are responsible in the operation of this trap. Never leave the trap unchecked for longer than 2 hours. The best time to capture House Sparrows or starlings is during their nesting season.

**To set the trap.** To set the UST-Long, Push the shutter door up and hold the door in place with your thumb, while your index finger slips inside the trap and pulls the trip wire through the small access hole found in the face plate of the trap (see circle). Let go of the shutter door and it will sit on the trip wire. You are now ready to capture starlings and sparrows. The bird enters the trap and bumps the wire. The oval hole works best with most crescent, and Conley II openings. The trap should be inserted onto the nesting chamber behind the entrance hole. Wait no more than 1/2 hour and check your trap. (**TIP!** Some people use a wind up kitchen timer and set it for 1/2 hour and keep it with them. When the timer rings they go check the trap.) Identify the trapped bird, using a field guide. Only non native birds; the English House Sparrow and European Starling may be disposed of.

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**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 leave them in the UTL and submerge the whole unit with bird in a bucket of water.



European Starling



House Sparrow