

A Deadly Trap for Bats and Birds

Have you ever used a fly strip to trap those pesky insects that bothered you in the horse barn or the garage? Unfortunately, the sticky goo can also trap bats and birds. Birds lose many feathers during the process of getting the sticky stuff off. Bats are also stressed by the process. Both birds and bats are washed with a substance to remove the goo, then washed with soap and water, and dried with a hair dryer.



A way to avoid trapping birds and bats in the fly strip is to wrap the strip with chicken wire. Cut the chicken wire to a size that will cover the whole strip, join the edges of the chicken wire with small pieces of wire or zip ties. The holes in the chicken wire allow the bugs to go in but not the bats and birds. You can always use a zip tie or piece of wire to hang the strip if needed.



I'm sure there are several of you who can design other ways to implement chicken wire and zip ties to protect bats and birds from sticky pest strips.

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