

Wildlife Capture Tips and Tricks

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Note: With all wildlife, attract or drive. Never chase

Waterfowl that will come in for food

Attract and Snare

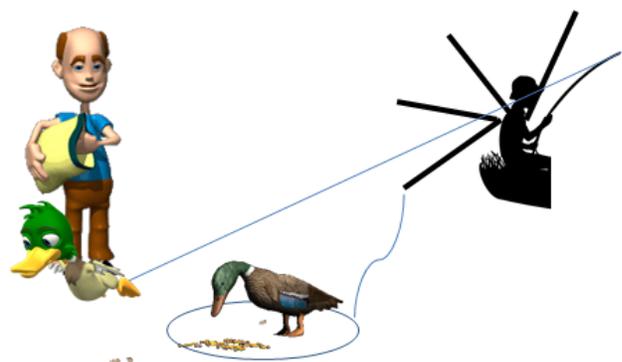
- The snare technique is a two or more person task. Never try to snare alone.
- Use 85 – 100 lb test BRAIDED fishing line. (monofilament will spin, allowing too much slack on the line)
- The noose diameter needs to be large enough to allow lift when being pulled.
 - 18 inches for a small tern
 - 3 feet or a duck, goose, swan or heron.
- Mark the center of the noose with something fragile but visible, like a feather.



- Tie and tape the fishing line to both ends of the rod. Then wrap the end of the line around your hand. This prevents accidental slipping of the line, resulting in a bird escaping with line attached to its leg.
- The snare controller might not see the bird. He must rely on the catcher to say when to close the snare.
- Bait and wait, or have the captured person toss food (for habitually fed bird)
- Trip the snare with a rapid full swing high over your head. This will lift the line up while rapidly restraining the leg.

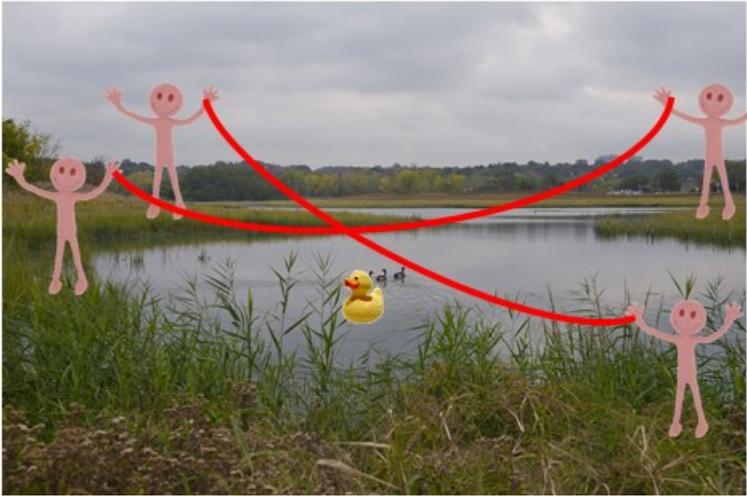
Once snared, the snare controller keeps gentle but firm pressure on the line until the capture person signals that the bird is securely held.

- Remove the noose from the leg immediately, so an accidental escape doesn't injure a leg.



Driving animals from the water

DRIVE, PUSH & CORRAL



Use orange contractors marking tape
Or orange outdoor extension cords

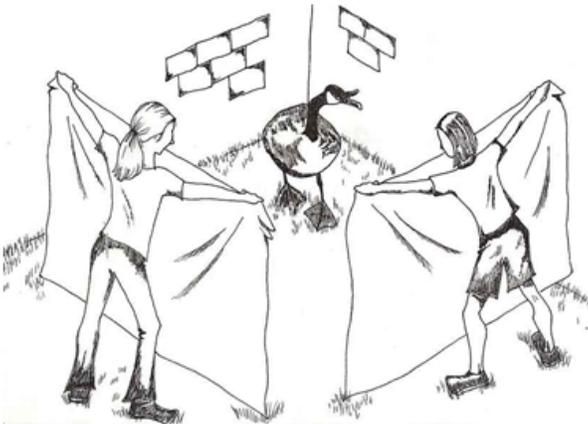
For larger ponds, have someone cast a weighted fishing line across, tie on the tape or cord, and reel across the water.

Slowly work the bird to shore.

Or use RC boats to chase birds from the water.

Driving animals on land

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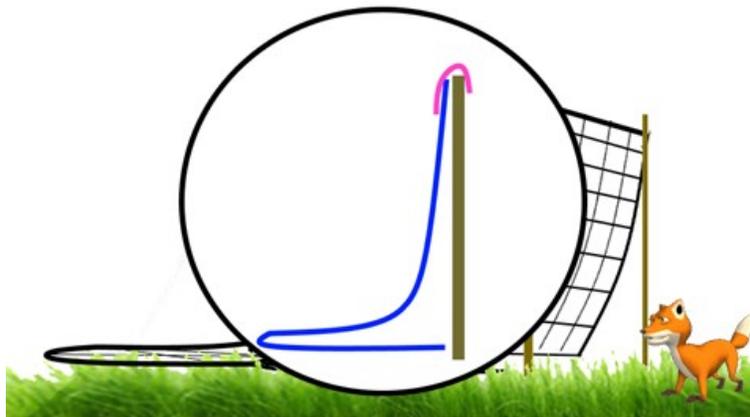
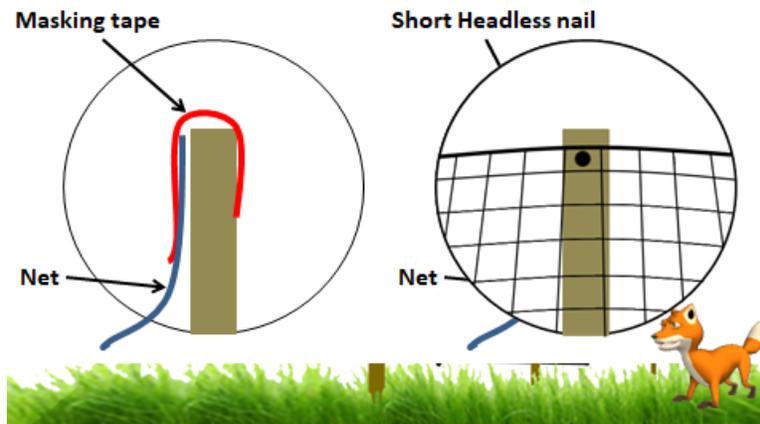
Have a place to drive toward

Fenced yard, barns (with owner's permission)

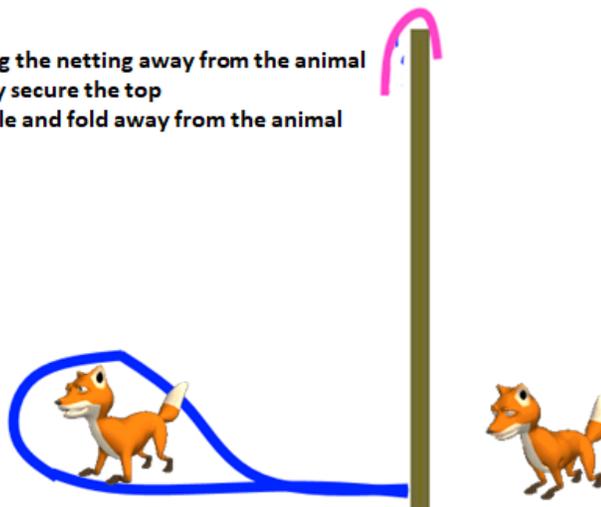
Natural barrier

Uphill if nothing else is available

Set up a net wall.

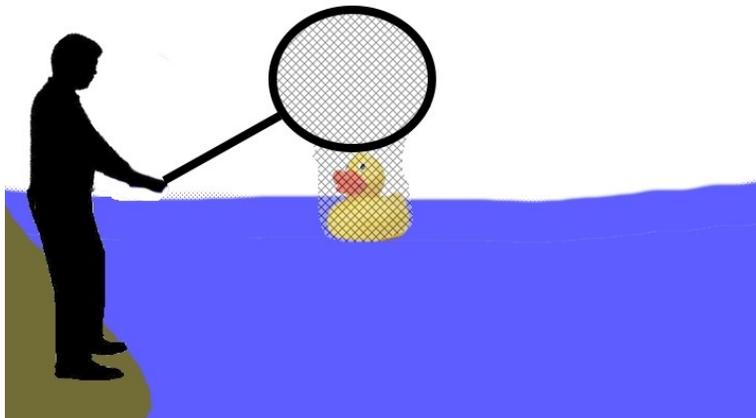
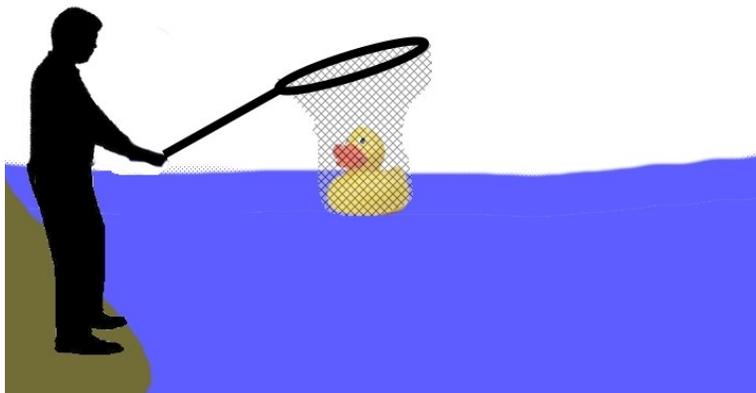
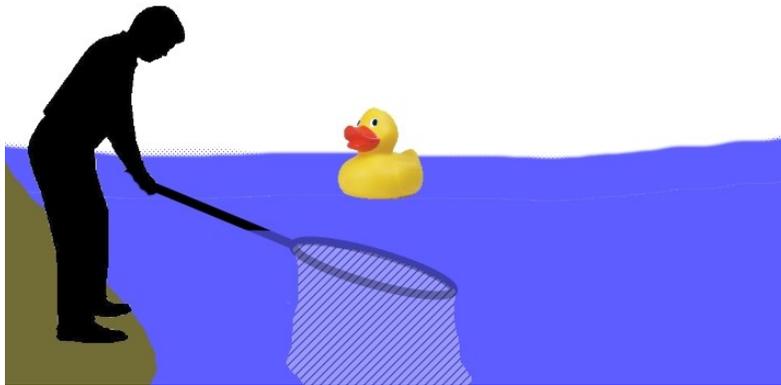


Hang the netting away from the animal
Only secure the top
Angle and fold away from the animal



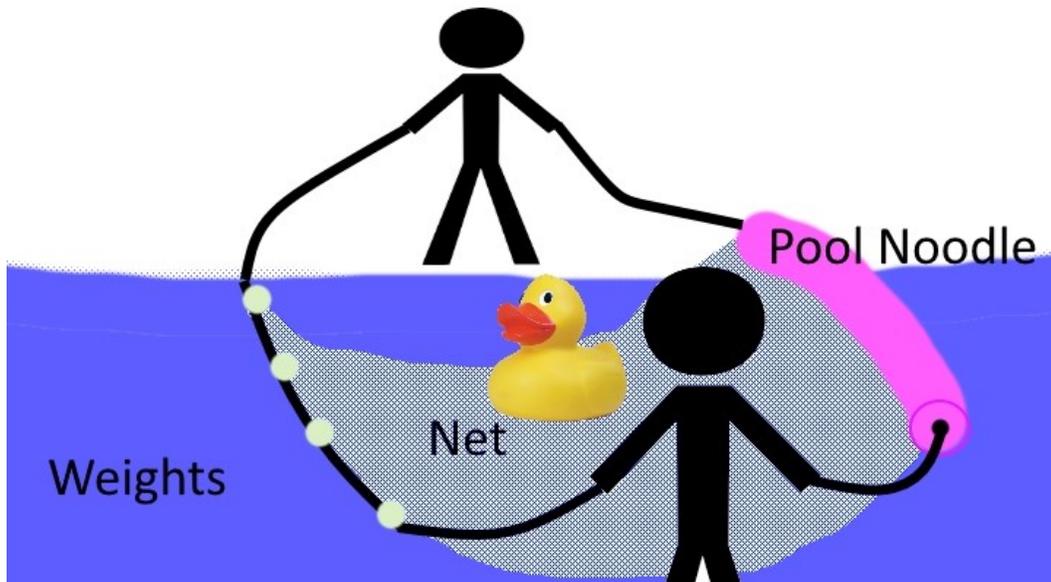
Netting birds on the water

Net should be in the water and come up on the bird



Float net for diving birds and duck families

One side is weighted (steel fishing weights), One side is floating pool noodles



With families, the mother will climb the net and the babies will stay in the bottom.

Grab the adult quickly so she doesn't fall on and injure the babies, or get to the top and fly away.