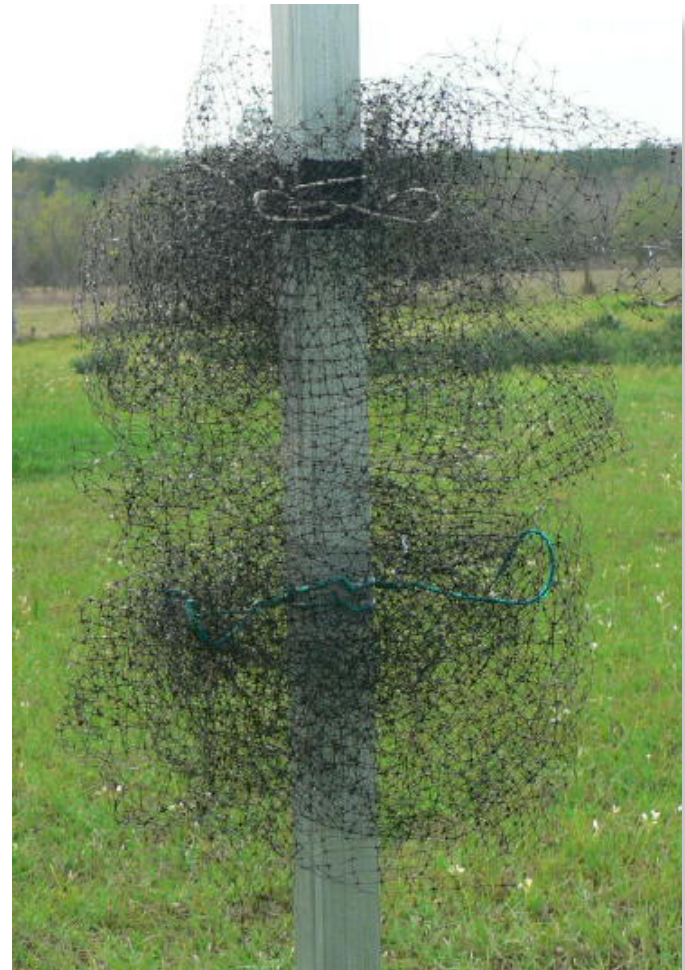


**How to:
Protect your nests against snakes.
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Here are some photos of two of my net traps that have worked well in capturing rat snakes of various sizes. The first photo shows a double layered net trap made from bird netting and contains both 1/2 and 3/4 inch mesh squares. The second is a single layered trap. I first wrap some electrical or duct tape around the square poles to create a foundation for the wire support base. Then I twist some No. 10 or 12 plastic coated copper wire or just plain clothesline wire around the tape and create a pronged support base. The netting is wrapped around the wire prongs and fluffed out to create a circular wreath. I try to create a thick wad of netting in my traps so that the snake has hundreds of mesh squares to face. You don't want the mesh to become too compressed and matted. Also make sure there are no gaps between the mesh and the pole so that a snake could slip under the netting. He will start weaving through the mesh and nearly always becomes hopelessly entangled. The 1/2 and 3/4 inch combination is designed to capture small and large diameter rat snakes.



Single Layer



Double Layer



Rat Snake caught in netting and safely relocated to a new home.

Meshing can be located at home supply garden centers such as Lowes, and Home Depot.
Ask for "Bird Netting"