

## CASE STUDY

### Bird Netting Keeps Birds and Critters out of Plant Nursery

Wild sparrows, coons, varmints, rabbits and even deer were creating a problem for the owner of plant nursery in rural Williamsburg, Iowa. The nuisance invaders were getting into blueberries, strawberries, raspberries and tomato plants.

**Issues to be addressed:** Prevent birds and critters from becoming a growing problem through the use of specially designed exclusionary bird netting. Install roof and perimeter netting around the wood framed structure tight enough to keep pest birds and other critters from sneaking in.

**Challenges to overcome:** Anchoring the cables to the ground posed an initial challenge. But this was overcome using 18-inch stakes welded to 4-foot rebar and driving the stakes into the ground, then using zip ties to secure cable.

**Product Installed:** 3/4" Heavy Duty Bird Netting.

**Solution:** Bird•B•Gone's 3/4-inch Bird Netting was installed around the entire perimeter and roof of the nursery. Bird•B•Gone's Shaun Johnson provided over-the-phone support, advising the owner to install perimeter cables on all sides, then installing the netting in panels.

**Result:** The owner remains "thrilled" with the netting, which continues to keep birds and critters out of the nursery. He noted that the netting is just as tight as the day it was installed. Even during a heavy snow, the netting bowed under the weight but when the snow was gone, the netting snapped back tight. Many of the owner's friends and neighbors have stopped by to admire the installation. The owner is finishing another structure to house quail, and he intends to use the same type of netting to protect these birds from predators.



*Bird netting surrounds nursery plants and flowers, protecting them from pest birds and critters.*



*The bird netting is so strong, it endured a heavy snow and bounced right back to being tight and keeping out critters and pest birds.*



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