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Setting Up Your Deer Scarer

The following instructions will help you set up your deer scarer:

Step 1

Dig a hole wide enough to catch all splash from water pipe and deer scarer. Water tends to run down the bonker and off the sounding rock. Make the hole wide enough to catch it. Make the hole deep enough for a flower pot.

Step 2

Line the hole with a cushion such as newspapers or an old rug. Lay pond liner on the cushion with the edges level and elevated enough to hold water.

Step 3

Use a flower pot big enough to hold the pump and optional valve. The valve is necessary if you wish to reduce the water flow through the water pipe. Set the flower pot in the deepest part of the pond. Put the pump in the flower pot with tubing and electrical cord coming out the bottom hole. You may need to enlarge the hole. If you take the tubing over the top of the pot, it tends to kink and to be difficult to hide. Cover the pot with a piece of plywood, a board or flagstone.

Step 4

Attach the tubing from the water pipe to the pump. Plug in and test.

Step 5

Backfill the hole with pea gravel (or larger gravel if you prefer). Cover the board that sits on the flower pot.

Step 6

Set the deer scarer and water pipe. Test them. When they look good and work well, place the sounding rock. Try various places on the bonker for it to hit the rock. The sound varies according to how you place the rock. You may want to use a valve to reduce the flow and therefore the frequency that the water strikes the rock.

Step 7

You can set bog plants into the pond if you desire and also additional rocks or cobbles.

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