

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS



Common Snipe 29 October 1970 Onondaga County
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Another Cable Death

Page 144 of the July 2000 *Kingbird* shows a photograph by Gerard Phillips of a juvenile European Starling that met an unusual demise . It reminded me of a photograph that I took some thirty (30) years ago.

On 29 Oct 1970 , I received a call from Todd Farnham advising that he had found a Common Snipe dangling by its bill from an overhead cable high above the road. I drove to Tully in southern Onondaga County and photographed the bird. Close examination shows the lower mandible caught between the main cable and some exposed wire components.

If only death from house cats, poisons, towers, car strikes and other manmade causes could be so rare .

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