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CONSUMER REPORT—TROPICS NETS

There is nothing as frustrating as observing much-needed specimens flitting or flashing 15 ft above the ground, and having no way to get them. Solution? The Tropics Net, available from a well-known entomological supply house: 6 aluminum segments (each 2 ft long), and a large bag. A 4-ft person, with a 2-ft reach can get specimens at 18 ft!

Don't carry this net into the field without fixing it. Sections of the handle are made with a threaded hole at each end, and then a threaded stud (5/16" diam cup-point set-screw, taking a 5/32" allen-wrench) is put into 1 end. Through a manufacturing miscalculation that wastes material and that has gone uncorrected for some time, the studs are too long and "bottom" before the shoulders of connected sections make contact. When the sections are taken apart 1 will eventually "steal" the stud from the adjacent section leaving its mate with no stud at all. Worse, when the net is swung, strain is applied across the diameter of the studs; they bend. After paying \$43, who wants to finish the manufacture of a supposedly field-ready net? Kits should cost less. The supplier should provide a file to shorten the studs, 2 nuts of the correct size to jam together to remove stolen studs, and an allen-wrench to put the studs back where they belong. JEL & HAL

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