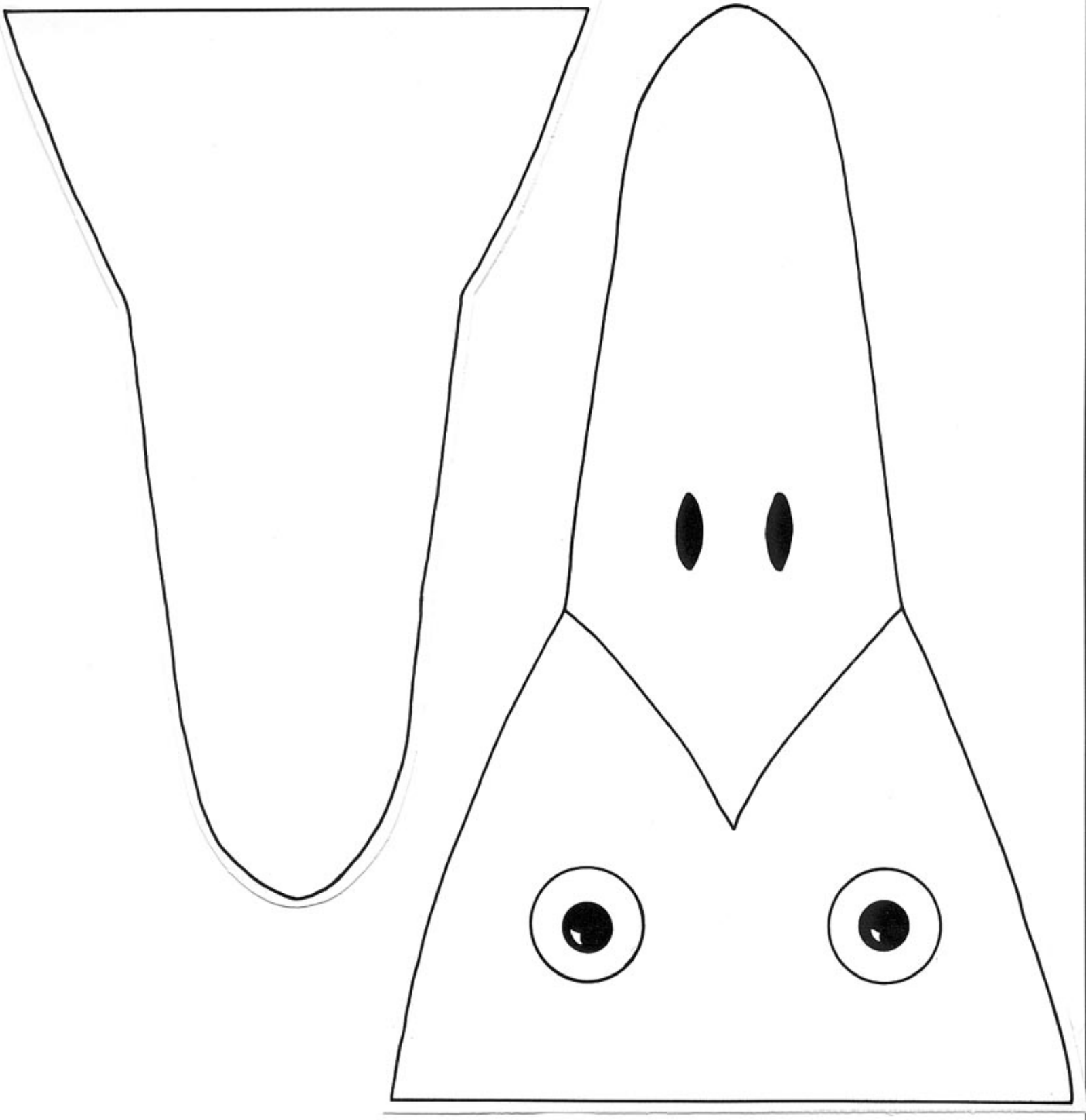


PAPER BAG MALLARDS

OBJECTIVES:
Students will become familiar with the mallard duck, the four seasons, and the migration cycle through the making of duck puppets and presentation of a puppet show.

MATERIALS:
Paper bags, copy of duck's head, scissors, glue, crayons and/or markers

READ TO YOUR CLASS:
Marilyn is a female mallard duck. Her bill is gold, and the feathers on her head and body are brown and white.

Michael is a male mallard duck. His bill is yellow, and his head and neck are shiny green. He has a white collar and a brown chest. His body feathers are gray.

During the year, we live in our houses here in _____ (your city or town). Maybe we go to the beach in the summer for a visit, but mostly we stay in one place. It's different for Marilyn and Michael. They will leave California and fly all the way up to Alaska. It won't be too cold for them because it is spring. There is plenty of room and food for them up there.

In Alaska, Marilyn will have her baby ducklings. They will grow and learn to fly during the summer. When fall arrives, and the air gets colder Marilyn and the ducklings will fly south, back to California.

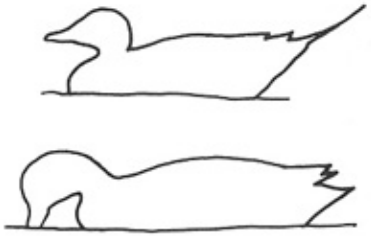
They will stop, rest, and feed along the way. They will have to watch out for storms and other problems, but during all of their trip, they will know exactly where they are going.

When they get to California where it is nice and warm, they will rest and eat until it is time to fly north again after the winter has passed.

This is how ducks and many other birds live during all four seasons of the year.

STUDENTS MAKE PUPPETS: (See blackline copy and sample)

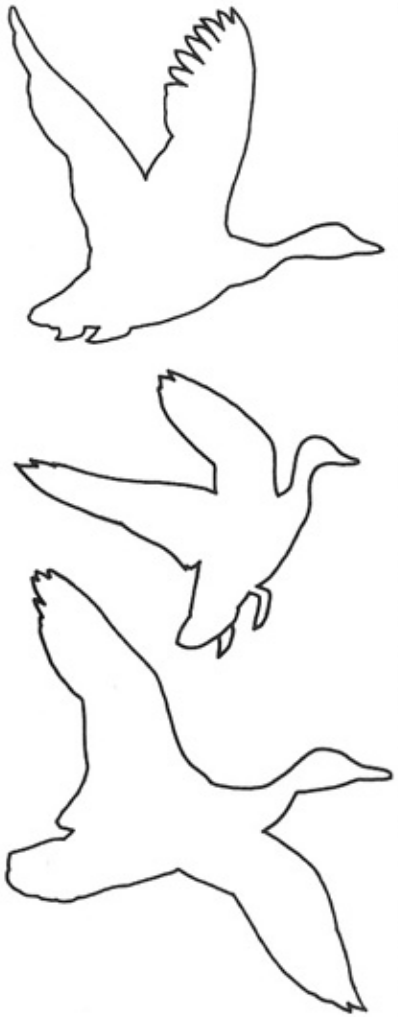
PUPPET SHOW: Script, props, and a suggestion for a quickly-constructed stage are included in this packet.



Name_____

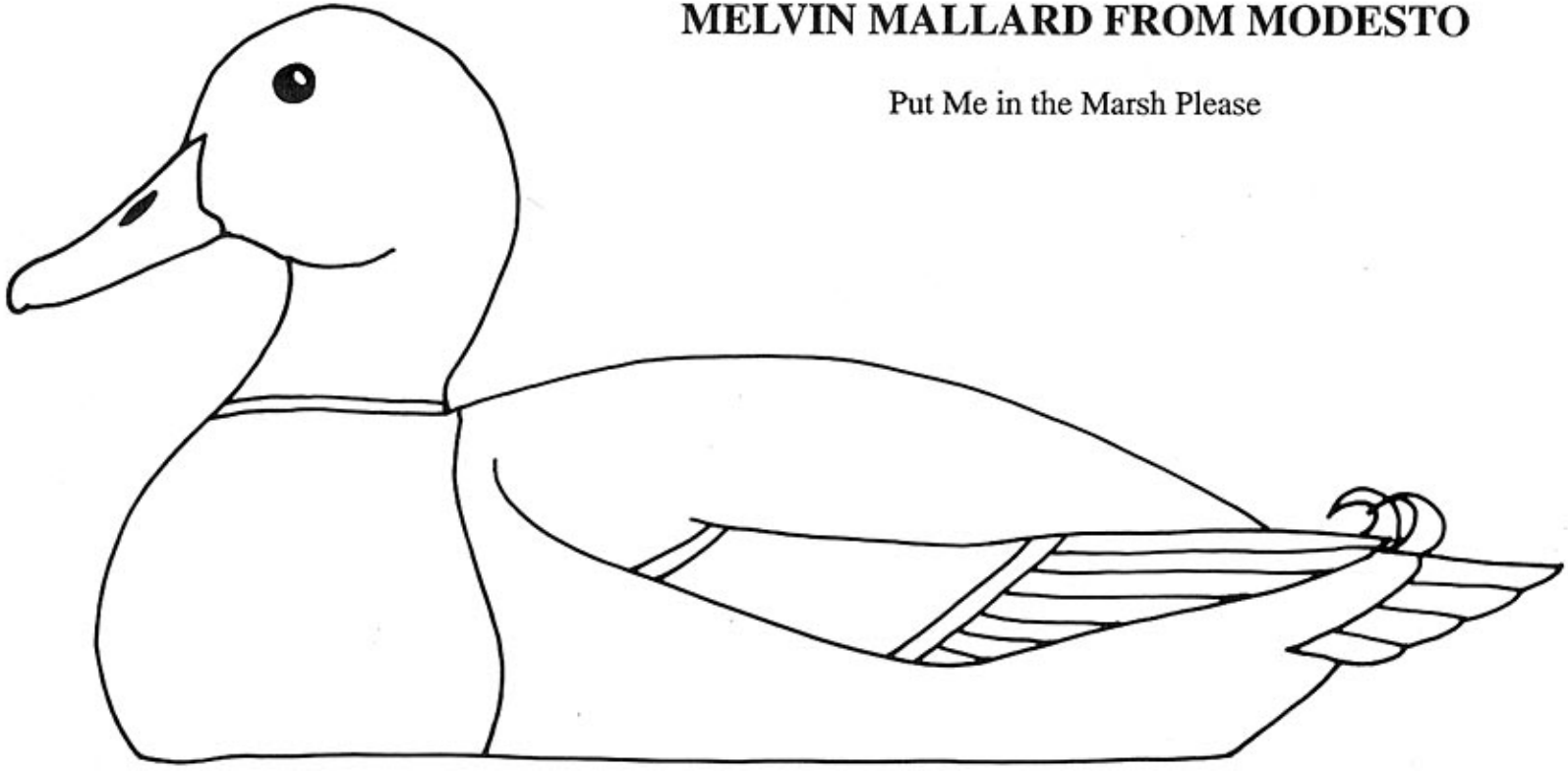
DUCK STAMP DESIGNING

Hunters buy a ticket to hunt. Other people who are also interested in birds buy it too. The ticket is called a Duck Stamp, and the money from selling the stamp buys land for the birds. Draw your own Duck Stamp here:



MELVIN MALLARD FROM MODESTO

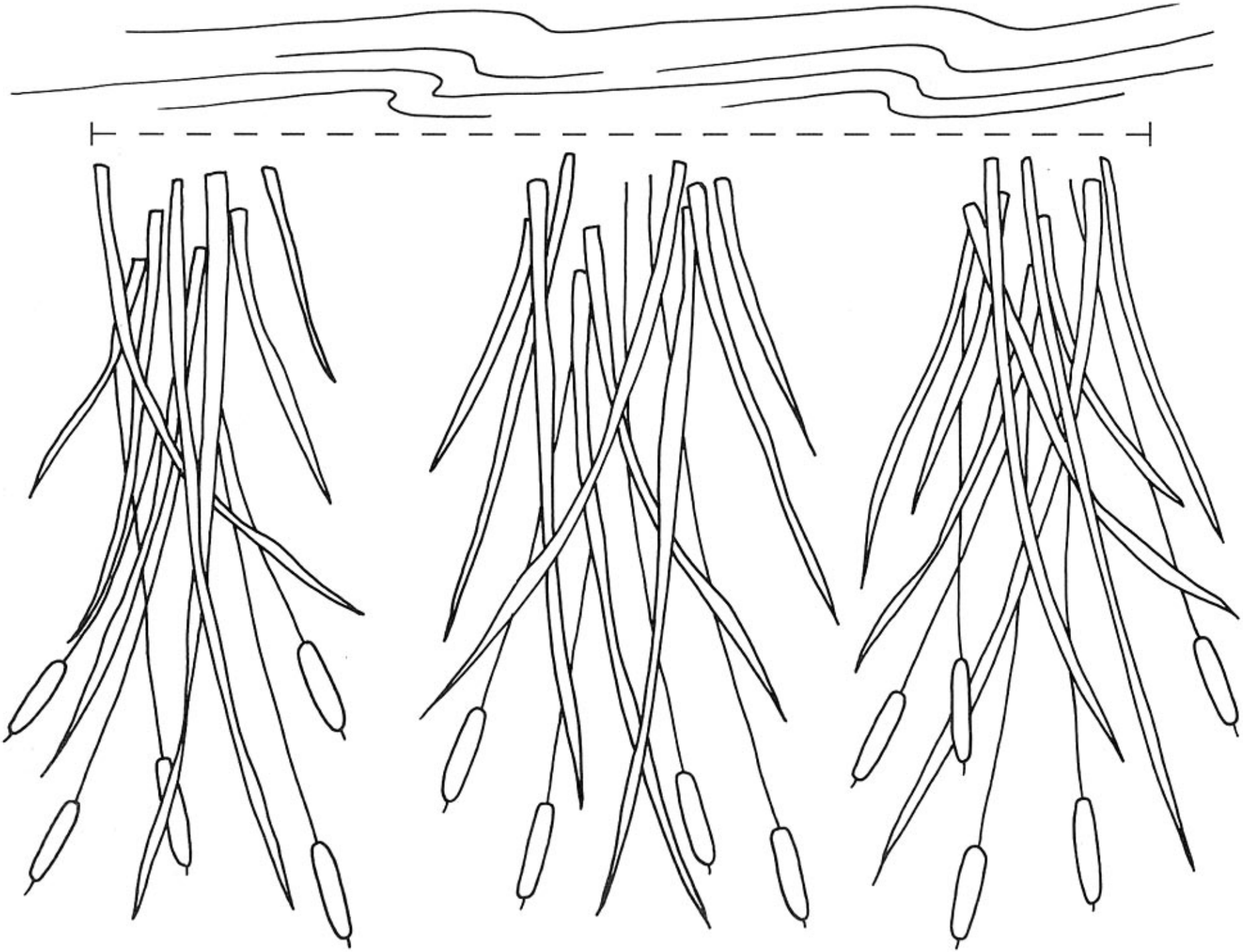
Put Me in the Marsh Please



Color my head green.
Color my bill yellow.
Color my wing patch blue.
Color my chest brown.
Color my body gray.
Color my marsh green and brown and blue.

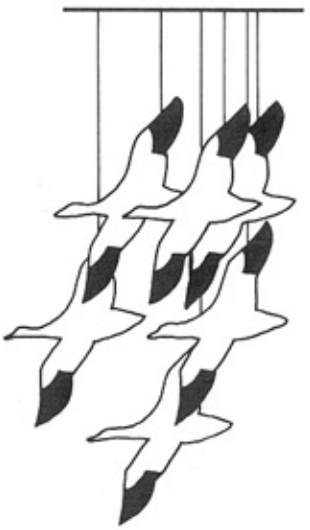
Cut me out and cut a place in the marsh for me.

Now I can sit in the marsh, but if you glue a popsicle stick to me I can *G L I D E!*



FLOCK OF SNOW GEESE

Run on tag board

Using this stencil, have each student make a bird, and add it to the "flock".

One wire hanger will take at least a flock of six.