Euphonias may be caught at any time of the year, but especially during the Big Dry Season. Early morning and forenoon are the best. In the middle of the day when it is hot the birds are not very active, and hence few trappers carry their operations into the afternoon.

The Euphonia catcher usually hangs his cage near a road. A foot bridge at Kokonassi, called "Pikien broki" (Little bridge), was at one time popular, and at present one at Krepi enjoys a good reputation. In the deep woods the chances of success are not so good, but in the second growth known as "kapoeweri" they are excellent. Opinions differ as to the best sites, but it is generally agreed that the foliage must not be too thick. For that reason the "Boesi Papaja" (Cecropia sp.) is a favorite. It is best to suspend the cage from an outer branch rather than from one in the interior of the tree, but it should not be hung in the hot sun. The Bluethroats seem to have a particular liking for the Parwa (Avicennia sp.) and the "Koffimama" (Erythrina sp.). The food trees of the Euphonias offer unusual opportunities. Sometimes the berries are borne by the vines which grow upon the trees. Certain of these plants are known as "Geeldas-zaad" (Yellowthroat seed) and others as "Blauwdas zaad" (Bluethroat seed). Both the Yellowthroat and the Bluethroat are said to feed upon the berries of the Cedar.

The Bluethroat, White-tail, and Grenadier prefer the higher locations, but the Yellowthroat is not so timid and will come down into low trees and bushes. Notwithstanding these seeming preferences, Euphonias may be caught almost anywhere, and frequently they have been captured in the city in cages hung out of a window. It is not unusual for an escaped bird to come to an empty cage and permit itself to be caught soon after having gained its freedom.

Having selected the site, the trapper ties a stone to the end of a long, strong line and throws or rather slings it over the branch, lowering the weight to the ground. By skillful manipulation the weight is made to swing while being lowered so as to clear the bushes and other obsta-