the other finches also, is in the early morning up to about ten o’clock. The bait used in the trap-cage is rice or ordinary canary seed. Seeds of native grasses on which the Twatwa naturally feeds are also used, particularly the so-called “Mangrassi”, *Eleusine indica* Gartn. But whatever the bait may be, it is best to set the cage near the natural food.

As in Euphonia catching the practice of trapping seed-eaters varies considerably depending upon the experience and judgement of the individual. In general the cage must not be placed in or under bushes or trees, but near the edge of a clearing about ten feet or so away from the nearest bush or seed plant. The site having been selected the trap cage is hung on a pole with a nail or the stub of a branch near the top. This is known as a “trot-tiki” (trot-stick), and the manner of hanging as “trot”.

Generally birdlime is employed. The treated sticks are attached to the cage as in Euphonia catching, but more frequently the “valsch tara” method is used, in which case they are placed a few feet away.

Occasionally the birdlime is applied directly to a seed-bearing stalk after thinning out the plants in the immediate vicinity.

The decoy may be of either sex. A young male is better than a female, but the black adult male, known as a “kak’ (cock), is by far the best. The tame bird will begin to call soon after being left alone. Its efforts may be rewarded by an answering call, but generally they are not. While the decoy is calling *tsok tsok*, the wild bird is approaching stealthily, creeping on the ground or silently working its way through the thickets, weeds, or long grass. If at such a time the tame bird should break into song the approaching Twatwa may lose all caution and appear suddenly on the scene. Sometimes the birds will sing alternately, but when they are in sight of each other both become silent. If both should happen to sing at the same time, the wild bird seems to lose its self-control and comes dragging and beating its wings. It will fly around and around the cage, and perhaps be caught then and there. If not it