



### STOATS:

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Stoats are implicated in the decline and extinction of our indigenous bird species. They are known to predate native and introduced birds and also feed heavily on reptiles and invertebrates. Even when stoat numbers are extremely low they can still have a substantial impact on the survival rates of vulnerable species.

As with all stoat control tools, the Goodnature A24 Rat and Stoat trap is ideally set in a network of traps when targeting stoats. They are effective when used individually, but as stoats have very large home ranges (40 - 250 hectares), a trap network will increase the likelihood that a stoat will come across one of the traps. As stated on the DOC website “Stoats are very difficult to catch so don’t expect instant results.”

The beauty of the A24 traps is that they are constantly available to pests as they do not require manual resetting, i.e. there are no missed opportunities.



### MAINTAINING YOUR GOODNATURE STOAT LURE:

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Any quality, humane pest control device is only as effective as the quality of the lure used to attract the pest. It is the lure that motivates the target pest to enter and activate the trap.

The stoat lure contains extracts of meat and is very attractive to stoats. While we make our lures to be long life, they will eventually crust over and diminish in their scent when exposed to air. Therefore once a month squeeze out the crust that will have formed. To do this, remove the SHROUD CAP, unscrew the LONG LIFE LURE bottle and wipe the crusted lure beneath the trap. With fresh lure now at the bottle opening, screw it back into place. It now smells fresh and tasty again.

Replace the lure bottle and CO<sup>2</sup> canister every 6 months to ensure the trap remains effective.



### CHOOSING THE BEST LOCATIONS TO TARGET STOATS:

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The location of the trap is a key factor for success. We recommend setting it near the edge of a stream/ waterway, on a ridge, track, or on a pasture margin/bush line. Ensure the trap is set away from houses and other food sources such as chicken coops which can act as a competing food source for the lure.



### VIDEOS:

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*Below are a couple of short videos of Robbie demonstrating how to install and rebait an A24 rat and stoat trap. Although using the rat lure in this clip, all the steps taken are the same when targeting stoats.*

- [Installing a Goodnature A24 Rat and Stoat Trap](#)
- [Rebaiting a Goodnature A24 Rat and Stoat Trap](#)

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

We're happy to help you bring back the birds!

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