

## PRODUCT UPDATE

# Startle-proof East Coast Starlings?

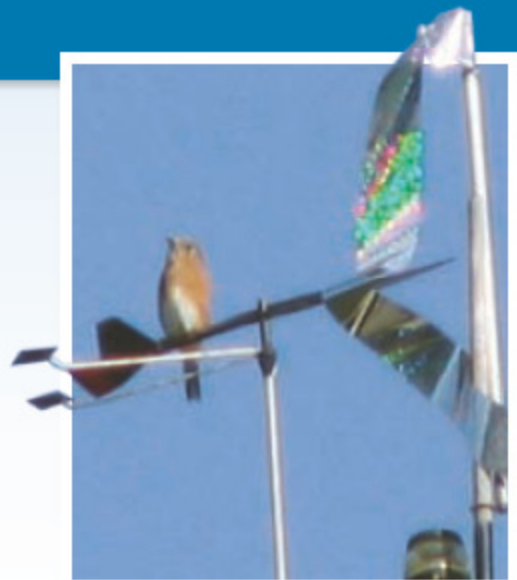
**A**pparently birds on the West Coast frighten easier than ours on the Chesapeake Bay. Although I have had some luck using Holographic Scare Tape as recommended by John Sonneland of Spokane, Wash. (Mailport, November 2007), against barn swallows, not all birds scare so easily. As you can see from the photo at left, a Tweetie is happily sitting under my pig stick as the scare tape flies right next to it.

Starlings, sparrows and even a osprey have landed on the mast head and rig-

ging when scare tape is in use. The tape is worth a try, but don't be disappointed if it doesn't work.

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*We are rounding up bird deterrents for an update. If you know of a remedy worth testing, please write us at [practicalsailor@belvoirpubs.com](mailto:practicalsailor@belvoirpubs.com).*



*The holographic scare tape often used as a bird deterrent isn't so scary to the birds on the Chesapeake Bay.*