Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2003 16:03:45 -0500
Reply-To: Bulletin Board for Bird Collections and Curators <AVECOL-L LISTSERV.LSU.EDU>
Subject: Re: [AVECOL-L] plastic boxes
To: AVECOL-L LISTSERV.LSU.EDU

We've used both Durphy and Pioneer Packaging; the last number I have for Pioneer is (502) 639-9142 (1998). One of the sizes they provided, which might be of use, 3 3/4 x 3 3/4 x 3, deep enough for those single or 2 largish eggs.

John

Janet Hinshaw wrote:

> I am looking for plastic boxes for eggs. I have used Durphy Packaging for > some sizes, but I am having trouble finding smaller size boxes which are > deep enough for large eggs and have snug fitting lids. Most of them are > too shallow. For example, I need something that would hold 1 murrelet egg, > or 2 or 3 hawk eggs. Does anyone like hinged boxes for eggs? I'd > appreciate any supplier info. Thanks.
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As you know I haven't been in the bizz for a while so I don't know about suppliers.

I would advise staying away from hinged lid boxes. Even though the boxes don't get opened all that frequently, and will receive extra care when they do, I'll bet the hinges will fail all too soon. The most important reason though is that you want to push a lid straight down on the eggs when you are boxing them. You won't be able to do that with a hinged lid. Consider where the egg/s closest to the hinge first contact the lid. The lid in this situation could act as 4 or 5 to 1 lever. Yipes! You could be subjecting them to much more pressure that it you think. The situation will be even worse if the hinges are sticky (usually the case). You will lose the all-important sensitivity of "feel" when closing a lid. Further if the angle is steep it will be very difficult to maintain the original arrangement, the eggs will get pushed out of position.

How many sets of this size do you need to box? If it's only few hundred, consider having some custom made with acrylic. Better yet have someone there learn how to make them. A very quick search turned up this...... http://www.sdplastics.com/acrylic.html

Cheers
Sam Sumida
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