

Photos of Hardware Cloth Snake Guards at Wilkerson Nature Preserve

19 gauge **steel** hardware cloth (1/2 inch). Must be 4 ft x 4 ft with all sides pokey – no smooth sides.

Example of product:

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1-2-in-x-4-ft-x-25-ft-19-Gauge-Steel-Hardware-Cloth-308226EB/205960849>

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Note: I think these photos show a 6-inch baffle; I had to change these baffles out to an 8-inch raccoon baffle due to large rat snakes. I use plastic hardware clamps, one under the cloth and one over the cloth to secure the cloth to the bird box pole. I wire the two clamps together for extra stability. Make sure there is not a space where the pole comes through the middle of the cloth, so smaller snakes cannot sneak through. I remove the hardware cloth after the nesting season is over and store it flat.

