

Make a fruit fly trap

Fruit fly traps can be made out of plastic containers such as soft drinks, milk bottles, or honey or peanut butter containers.

Materials

- plastic bottle
- 30 cm galvanized wire

Lures and attractants

- homemade bait recipe, or
- piece of fruit (peach, orange)

Assembly

1. Cut 4 holes in the bottle approximately 1–1.5cm in diameter.
2. Make a hole through the lid. Insert the wire through the hole and bend it so it keeps in place. The wire sticking out of the bottle will be used for hanging the trap.
3. Place lure inside trap
4. Hang traps at eye level in semi-shade in or near fruit trees.
5. Replace lure if it becomes dry to keep flies getting into the trap!



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Make a fruit fly lure recipe

Medfly are attracted to sugar and protein content in fruit so home made recipes can do the trick. Some recipes seem to work better with certain fruit species. Just try other ingredients and combinations to suit your fruit tree. Compare recipes with friends and neighbours.

Solution 1

100g white sugar
2g dry brewer's yeast
1L water

Solution 2

5mL imitation vanilla essence
20mL household ammonia
50g sugar
1L water

Solution 3

Peel from 6 mandarins or two
oranges
50mL household ammonia
1L water

Solution 4

1 tsp borax
1 tsp sugar
2 tsp bran
1L water

Solution 5

1L hot water
1/2 tbsp cloudy ammonia
1/2 tsp vanilla essence
100g sugar
1 tsp dishwashing liquid
1 tsp vegemite

Note: Other recipes include
sugar in the form of
molasses, fruit syrups and
apple cider vinegar

Distribute your solution in 3 to 4 traps.

Place at least two traps per tree. Also place traps in non-fruiting trees and in plants close to the neighbour's fence to keep Medfly away from fruiting trees. **Check every week** and replace with fresh solution especially under hot conditions.

Important: you must keep baiting all year round.

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