

Who ruined my fruit salad?



Western Australia's climate is excellent for growing tropical fruit in home gardens and commercial orchards.

Unfortunately, insect numbers and disease pathogens that attack fruit can also increase when more fruit and fruit trees are available. Identifying organisms can help you prevent and manage problems caused by plant pests and diseases. It also helps to protect our local orchards, ensuring the health of our economy and preserving everyone's access to clean, fresh fruit. With your help, we'll never miss fruit salad again!

Why your participation matters

Early detection

Your reports may help identify potential biosecurity threats early.

Support our economy

Your reports may prove our crops are safe, keeping WA's exports strong and our markets open.

Learn and engage

Learn more about insects and other organisms around your home, garden and local community.

Make a report with MyPestGuide® Reporter app

The most common pests for tropical fruit are fruit flies, moths, weevils, whitefly, thrips, spider mites, stink bugs, aphids, mealy bugs and scales. Even when you only observe superficial damage, there could be larvae (maggots) damaging fruit from the inside.

Materials required

- A mobile device (phone or tablet) with MyPestGuide® Reporter app installed.
- A ruler, card, coin or pen to place in the picture as a size reference.

Steps to take

1. Check trunks, branches or stems on fruit trees for signs of insect activity.
2. Snap some photos of the damage on fruit and the tree where you found the hole, insect or damage. These will assist our specialists identify the insect species.
3. Tell us their appearance, colour, shape, size and location on the tree.
4. Send the report.



Report your observations
MyPestGuide® Reporter
via app or online
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Check for symptoms of fruit pests and diseases

