

Mediterranean fruit fly is a pest of fruits and fruiting vegetables in Western Australia.

## 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

- Cut 4 holes in the bottle approximately 1–1.5cm in diametre.
- 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 semishade 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.

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 a 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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