

Making a sugar lure for Moths.

Moths are attracted by the scent of fermenting fruit. You can make up a sugary treat for moths. There are many different recipes and why not experiment and see what works best in your school or garden.

Ingredients. 300ml coca cola. Over ripe apples or bananas or watermelon. Cup of sugar or treacle.

Cooking. This can be make up a few days in advance to ensure it is nice and smelly. The bait should be thick so it is easy to spread with a paintbrush.

Make sure and ask an adult to help you.

Blend or mash up the fruit.

Mix all the ingredients together in a saucepan.

Simmer or reduce down till it forms a thick liquid.

Leave to cool overnight.

Outdoors. Paint a patch around the size of your copy book onto a tree, post or fence near some trees or plants as this is where moths hide during the day.

Put on about an hour before dusk.

Check as it gets dark and moths should arrive to have a drink.

Other species will also be attracted.

Have a container or camera ready to record.

