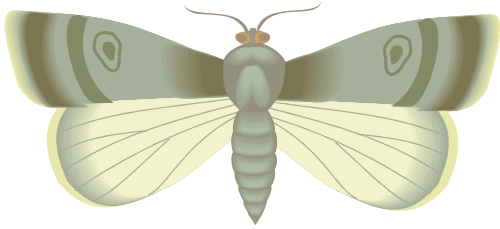


Watching Bugs in Your Backyard

How to make **Bug Goo:**



What you need:

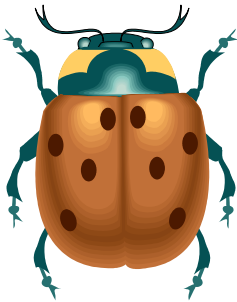
- 1 or 2 very ripe bananas
- 1/4 cup sugar (molasses or honey will work too)
- 1 cup stale juice or stale beer (leave it out for a day or two)

Step 1: Mash up the banana with a fork or a blender

Step 2: Add the sugar and enough juice to make a mixture that is about as thick as paint

Step 3: Spread the mixture on a tree or rock and come back later in the evening to see the bugs enjoying the bug goo. Moths are especially attracted to this mix.

How to make **Bug Suckers** (also called Bug Pooters)



What you need:

- 1 bendable plastic straw
- 1 35mm film canister
- a hole puncher
- tape
- a small piece of nylon stocking

Step 1: Punch two holes in the lid of the film canister

Step 2: Cut the straw in half and stick the two pieces through the two holes in the lid

Step 3: Use tape to secure the nylon to cover the bottom opening of the straight straw inside the canister

Step 4: Put the lid on the canister. The nylon covered end should be inside the canister and the bendable side of the other straw should be on the outside. Point the bendable end at a bug and use the other side to suck it into the canister. Take off the lid and study your bug before letting it go!

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