

WAR ON WASPS



CAPTURE THE QUEEN

When she is coming out of hibernation

The European Wasp (*Vespula germanica*) is not only a nuisance at picnics, barbeques and outdoor cafés, it can destroy whole beehives, kill our native insects and bees, and eat our fruit crops. It can sting humans and pets multiple times if aggravated. It hides its nest in the ground where unwary children and sports players can step on it.

In spring the queen comes out of hibernation to seek a site for a new nest. Every queen we capture means we can stop one thousand new queens developing!

Let's have a party and invite these destructive insects along!

Join our campaign to stop these queen wasps starting new nests and plaguing our lives: It's easy!

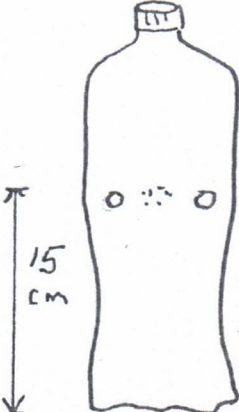
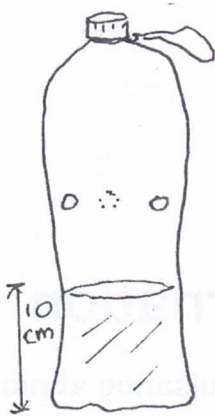
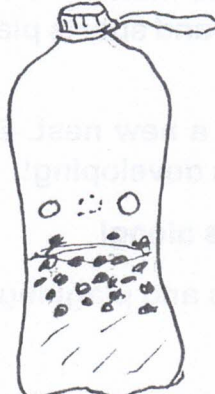
- **Make a Lauri Lure trap** (See instructions overleaf)
- **Fill it with delicious party food**
- **Check the trap, record and report the number of queens**

HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

LET'S ERATICATE THESE PESTS!

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Time to invite the wasps to a party :
August, September, October, November

	<p>THE TRAP 1.25 litre PET bottle</p> <p>Cut three holes of 1 cm diameter about 15 cm from the base of the bottle. Leave the screw-top cap on the bottle.</p>
	<p>THE LAURIE LURE Dissolve 1 tablespoon Honey into 1 cup hot water Add 1 teaspoon vanilla essence</p> <p>For a quicker result, let the mixture ferment for at least 1 week before you distribute it to the traps so bees will not be attracted to it.</p> <p>Divide the lure between 5 traps (approx. 140 ml per trap). Top up with water to just below the holes. Replace the screw-top cap.</p>
	<p>THE OPERATION Use twine or wire to hang the trap in a sunny spot near water, 2 metres above ground. Monitor the traps regularly and shake the lure every few days Remove trapped wasps using a mesh kitchen strainer and bowl. Re-use the bait and top up with water. Replace the Laurie Lure every 4-5 weeks.</p>

Laurie Nicoll developed this lure and presented it via Gardening Australia in late September 2025. His intention was to capture and destroy the wasp queens before they established new colonies. This method has been used successfully to stop the creation of many new wasp hives.

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European Wasps are attracted to fruit, sweet food and protein. If you leave any foodstuffs, such as pet food or fruit outside, or in a room with open windows, you will find European Wasps coming after it for a feed.

Report the number of queens you capture to: <https://www.facebook.com/WaspPatrol>