

Make a Slug Trap

Slugs are an important part of our wildlife, but they can cause havoc for gardeners by eating their plants! Some people put out slug pellets, which can be harmful to both slugs and other wildlife. However, by making these slug traps, you can protect your plants and look after wildlife too.

You will need:

- Empty, plastic bottle
- 1 tsp of sugar
- 1 tsp of flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp of dry yeast
- A cup of water
- Scissors



What to do:

1. Cut the bottle in half. You might need an adult to help with this.
2. Add the sugar, flour and dry yeast to the cup of water and mix together.
3. Bury the bottle in the ground, near the plants you want to protect. You should leave about 3cm of the bottle above the ground.
4. Add the mixture to the bottle.
5. Every morning, check the slug trap. If you have caught any slugs, move them to a place they are allowed to be.
6. You will need to add more mixture to the bottle every few days.

Ways to extend the activity:

- Investigate the habitat and diet of slugs.
- Compare and contrast slugs and snails.

National Curriculum Link

Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival.