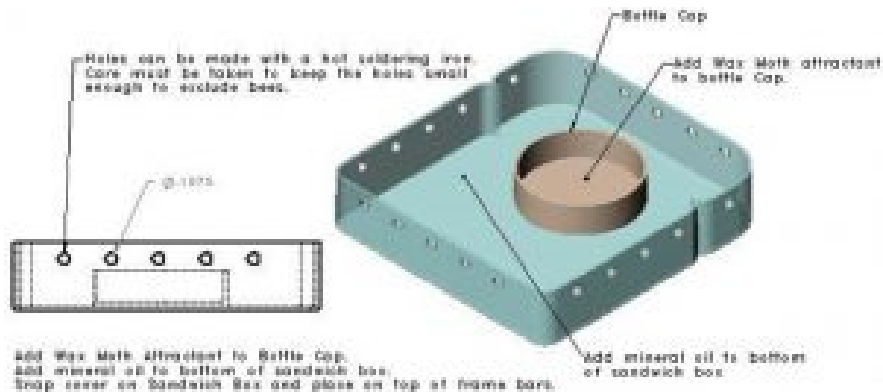


SMALL HIVE BEETLE (SHB) LURE AND TRAP



Wax moth lure as used by Mel and Sonny. <https://www.beeworks.com/small-hive-beetles/>

Make holes with hot soldering iron and small enough to exclude bees.

Put lure in bottle cap and oil around it in sandwich box. Put on cover and place on top of frames. Place a 'riser' on hive to give space for lure container.

Lure recipe

1/2 cup Apple Cider vinegar

1/4 cup sugar

1 cup water

1 ripe banana peel, cut up finely

Combine and allow to ferment before adding small quantities to the trap.

Bananas smell like the alarm pheromone which attracts the SHB.

The lure is just to get beetles into the trap where they get stuck in the oil. A black container is best as beetles like dark spaces. A way to drive beetles from a hive is to let sunlight in!!! Consider opening a hive on a warm sunny day and let nature drive the beetles away.

Lures outside the hive also will attract SHB but this could bring beetles from some distance. If used outside the hive consider placing the lure away from your apiary.

SHB do not survive in the ground in northern climates where the ground freezes, so we have to be alert in the spring/summer when bees are brought into an apiary.

Another great read on SHB: <http://www.bee-culture.com/taking-advantage-of-winter-to-help-reduce-pesks/>