



# Hoverfly Lagoons

## Instructions

1. Cut the top off the bottle and discard.



2. Pierce holes with the pen an inch below the brim to allow water flow.
3. Fill bottle with grass or leaf litter.
4. Insert sticks, reaching bottom to top.
5. Fill with water.
6. Add a layer of leaf litter on top.
7. Stand lagoon in tray filled with dry leaf litter for larvae to pupate in.
8. Search once a month and [submit findings on online form](#) (see overleaf)

## You will need:

- A 4-pint milk bottle\*
- Scissors
- A pen
- A tray with drainage holes
- A basin
- A jar or insect tube
- Some sticks
- A bag of Leaf litter
- Lagoon content: grass cuttings or leaf litter



\* Can use any container of similar size (height 15cm, Base diameter 12 x 10cm)



Methods video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeZSUWy71D4&t=19s>

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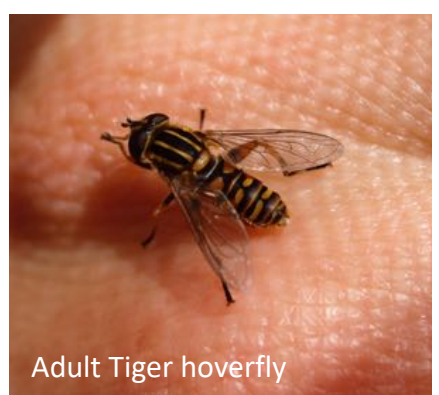
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**Instructions:** monthly surveys

1. Top up lagoon with water, if required.
2. Empty entire content into basin to locate and count larvae.



3. Return everything to the lagoon.
4. Search tray leaf litter for pupae.
5. Carefully transfer pupae into jam jars with pierced lid/air holes and monitor daily for adults.
6. Return lagoon to seed tray and to a shaded location.
7. **Submit findings on our simple online form <https://tinyurl.com/hover2017>.**



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