

# Make a moth lure



Most moths only come out at night, so they're quite tricky to see. But they can't resist a sweet treat, so if you have a garden, why not set up a moth restaurant and see who comes for supper?



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Brown sugar**
- **Over-ripe bananas** (the browner the better)
- **Cola**
- **Black treacle**
- **Paintbrush**
- **Torch covered with red cellophane**

- 1** Break the bananas into pieces, put them in a bowl and squash them with a fork.
- 2** Sprinkle on some sugar and add a dollop of treacle.
- 3** Pour on enough cola to dissolve the sugar and make the mixture runny enough to spread with a paintbrush, but not so runny that it will drip.
- 4** Next, pour the mixture into a pan and ask a grown-up to help you heat it up. Keep stirring all the time and make sure it doesn't boil over! Once all the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is gloopy, take it off the heat.
- 5** Leave the sugary syrup to cool, stirring it now and again.
- 6** Now it's time to set up your restaurant. Head out into the garden and paint the syrup onto the bark of some trees (being careful to avoid any patches of lichen growing on them).
- 7** Once darkness falls, grab a torch and cover it with red cellophane – moths can't see red light, so you won't disturb them while they're enjoying their snack. Carefully shine your torch over the strips of syrup on the trees and see what moths you find.

