

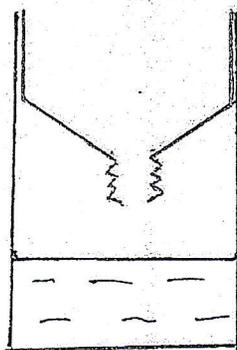
Trapping Asian Hornets.

Asian hornets are very serious predators of hive bees. They are now spreading through France, Spain and Belgium. If you are a beekeeper OR NOT, please consider setting up a trap or traps particularly for the queen hornets, timing is very important. You can buy the conical glass wasp traps, which are very effective, or make your own EASILY and VERY CHEAPLY. Instructions for the construction of two traps are below. All of these traps should be charged with BEER. A 250ml small bottle of light beer is perfect. DO NOT add jam or honey, nor any solution containing these or you will trap the bees you are trying to save! The queens emerge from hibernation from mid JANUARY to mid March, two were seen in SW France in 2012 on January 18th. this is the most effective time to deploy the traps. In the early winter all the hornets die, except for 200 or more queens who leave each nest and each finds a place to hibernate, before emerging in January or February, each founding a new colony. Mid September to December is also, therefore, an effective time for trapping. The traps should be hung on strings at about head height.

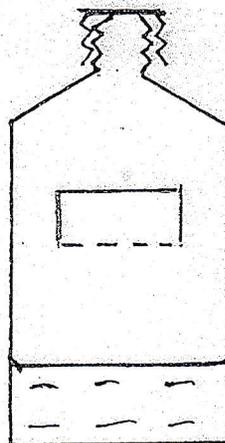
Construction of trap 1; 1. Cut off the top of an empty, plastic 2litre bottle about 1/3 of the way down. 2. Remove and discard the cap, then turn the top 1/3 section upside down (like a funnel), and fit it into the 2/3 section, when the top edges are level it helps to staple them together. 3. Add hanging strings or wire and charge the trap.

Construction of trap 2; 1. Take an empty 2 litre plastic bottle with the cap on. 2. With a sharp knife, cut a horizontal slit about 4cms long in the bottle, between 1/3 and 1/2 way down from the top, then make two vertical cuts downward of about 1cm each, at each end of the horizontal (like a football goal). 3. Fold the flap you have formed INWARDS, to form a platform inside the bottle, sloping a little downwards. 3. If you wish add hanging strings, charge the trap, replace the cap, and hang or stand the trap at about head height.

TRAP 1.



TRAP 2.



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