

Pecan Ambrosia Beetle (AB) Trap Construction

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Any hardwood 3" - 4" diameter (+/-), cut 3' long (+/-) (Chinaberry; Privet; Mimosa, Maple , Oak, etc.).



11/16" drill bit. Drill depth around 4" - 6", or as far you can without going through other end of log.



Fill with ethanol. Grain, or denatured alcohol works.



Used wine cork for stopper fits 11/16" hole.



Cork hammered in; eye hook drilled in to hang trap.



Fresh AB attacks holes – no frass toothpicks yet.



AB frass toothpicks. AB can, and are known to attack under tree collars.

Stressed trees are vulnerable to AB attack. Especially at risk are newly planted pecan seedlings during emergence from winter dormancy. Until the trees are fully leafed out – leaves are fully expanded and hardened off, the trees will be potential targets for pecan ambrosia beetles. Hang traps along edge of pecan orchard, preferably along a tree line. Once attacks are detected on the trap, begin scouting trees every day. *Price, Wells, Hudson - 2017*