



## CODLING MOTH

Symptoms - on the fruit you will see a red ringed entry hole, blocked by dried frass. Nearby will be a small, unplugged exit hole. The grub feeds on the central core and spoils the fruit. Affects apples, pears, plums, damsons and walnuts.

The best method of control is prevention as spraying for the codling moth is very difficult.

To prevent problems use a codling moth trap, which is a plastic tent that you hang in your tree in May. The trap is baited with a pheromone (female attractant) which is specific to the male codling moth. The male moths fly into the trap thinking that a female is waiting and are surprised to find a sticky pad waiting, and there they stay. This stops the mating process and thus prevents the grubs from attacking your fruits.