

Activity 6: Making a Poota

(From 'Conserving Box Ironbark Forests in Victoria' Education Kit)

Curriculum connections

Use of this learning and teaching activity may contribute to achievement of elements of the Standards. Indications of relevant Domains and Levels in the *Victorian Essential Learning Standards* are provided to assist teachers to make decisions about the appropriateness of the activity for their students.

Aim

To provide a collecting tool to assist with the investigation and classification of insects and other 'mini-bugs' for identification.

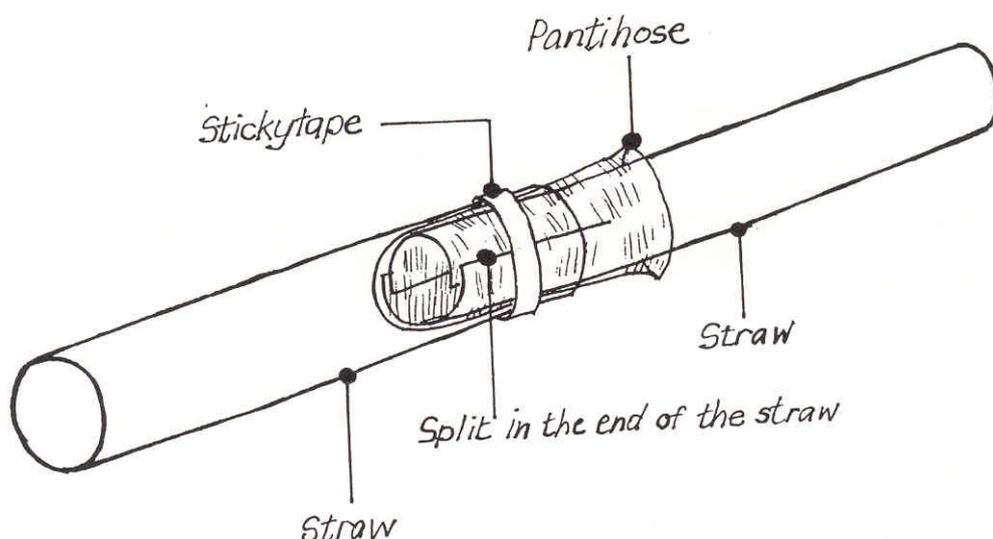
Activity instructions

1. Cut a drinking straw in half then cut a lengthwise split at one end.
2. Place a small piece of pantyhose over the end of the straw with the split.
3. Push the split straw into the unsplit straw and tape the two together.

Students then use the 'Poota' on a field trip to a bushland area. They collect small creatures by sucking them into the straw where they are trapped by the pantyhose. The 'mini-bug' can then be tapped into a jar for closer observation and identification.

Resources needed

Drinking straw, piece of pantyhose, sticky tape.



Victorian Essential Learning Standards Domains and (Levels):

May be used to support achievement of activity 5.

Duration: 1 hour.

Setting: In the field/school yard.