



Nursery fruit tree tag trial

Information sheet

We can all play a part to help prevent fruit fly outbreaks by keeping gardens clean and managing fruit trees.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has developed tree tags for use by nurseries on Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) host plants. The tags include information for gardeners on how to care for and protect fruit trees from pests like Qfly.



About Qfly

Qfly is a destructive horticultural pest that damages more than 300 species of fruit and vegetables. It is one of the biggest threats to WA horticulture industries and home fruit trees.

Qfly damage fruit by stinging it to lay eggs, which hatch into larvae that feed on the fruit, causing it to rot.

Qfly outbreak

DPIRD is responding to and managing a recent Qfly outbreak in the Bayswater area.

The significant collaborative effort by DPIRD, residents and commercial growers aims to ensure the pest is eradicated so we can all enjoy home-grown fruit that is free of larvae.

How to use fruit tree tags in your nursery

- Use the twist tie to affix the tag near the existing plant label on Qfly host plants. Do not obstruct the plant label – place the tag below it or on another branch.
- Nursery stock you may wish to tag includes:
 - Citrus – lemon, lime, mandarin, orange, cumquat, grapefruit.
 - Stone fruit – peach, apricot, plum, nectarine.
 - Pome fruit – apple and pear.
 - Other suitable Qfly host plants, such as tomato, capsicum, chilli, lilly pilly, fig and more. See the full list of [Qfly host plants](#).



Re-order

If you need more tags, order online via agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdates.

Thank you for supporting this trial to help keep Qfly out of Western Australia.

More information about Qfly

Visit agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdates

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