

Broken Plough Insectarium

At the Broken Plough Vineyard, we have developed an Insectarium in order to attract beneficial insects. The reason is simple; it's a cheap and natural solution to control pests.

An Insectarium is an area of native vegetation which attracts Bees, Ladybirds, Lacewing Wasps and Damsel Bugs to the vineyard. These insects are the predators for vineyard pests such as Vine Moth Caterpillars.



Light Brown Apple Moth Caterpillar



Bees looking for a home

The trees and shrubs we have planted include River Red Gums, Myrtle Wattles, Beaked Hakeas and Christmas Bush.

By increasing the size of the Insectarium over time, the Broken Plough Vineyard hopes to dramatically reduce its use of chemical pesticides on the vines. As an added benefit, the Insectarium will form a corridor of natural vegetation that can be used by native fauna to traverse the property.

This is a photo of the Insectarium in its infancy:



This is a photo of the insectarium late 2014:

