



Grasshoppers

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I had significant damage to newly grafted trees from grasshoppers last season. These were my own grafts (Ashmead's kernel, Blue Permain, Winekist, etc.) on feral rootstocks in a 'rough', largely unmanaged part of the property. I found a passage in "*The Holistic Orchard*" suggesting the use of wild lettuce tea to discourage grasshoppers, but that is all I've found - a search on this site came up blank. Can anyone provide advice from experience or pointers to good links? I'll watch for wild lettuce as the season progresses, but I don't really want to have to farm it. Note that I did NOT spray these trees with kaolin as I normally do in my main orchard.

70+ mostly cider apple trees.

Mostly planted 2018-2019.

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I don't know anything about using wild lettuce to avoid grasshoppers however during the last drought here in Australia we suffered from severe grasshopper attack in our orchard, we used neem oil as a deterrent, it isn't 100% effective however it definitely helped. Next drought though, which is just a matter of time, I have chosen to use Bill Mollison's thoughts "you don't have a grasshopper problem you have a chicken deficiency"

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OMG! Now I have to hide this thread from my wife. She wants chickens, but I grew up on a chicken farm and have had all the chicken fun I can manage. 😊

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