

## Net it right, get it right

The better way to protect your fruit and vegetables

Fine mesh tree netting offers hassle-free protection for your fruit and vegetables.

If the holes are big enough to poke your finger through, nets can accidentally trap animals such as birds, bats, lizards and snakes.

Seeing animals struggling in netting is distressing and potentially dangerous, especially for children. Freeing animals from netting is not always easy, and you may be injured trying to do so.



**Net it right.** Only net with a maximum mesh size of 5 x 5 mm and keep it taut around the trunk of your tree or staked to the ground.

## Pete's story

A bird got snared in my net but was dead by the time I found it. It's something I can't unsee. But now I avoid this happening again by using netting that's safe for animals.

## Sue's story

A bat was caught in a net. My kids fortunately didn't get close but seeing the animal suffer was really hard for them. I do hope the vineyard replaces their nets with wildlife-friendly netting.

## Martha's story

A snake got trapped in my net and I was concerned that my dogs might stray close to it. Now I've learnt to keep my pets safe in our yard by replacing my net with one that's safe for wildlife.



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