

Please come again: attractive bait augments recapture rates of capture-naïve snowshoe hares

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Bait Recipe

Dry ingredients

4 cups rabbit chow

1 cup oats

Wet ingredients

¼ cup molasses

4 cups water

4 tbsp vanilla or almond extract or 500 mL strawberry jam

Wet ingredients were brought to boiling and dissolved and then added to the dry ingredients, mixed, and left to sit covered for 5 min. Ingredients were then mixed again and then packed tightly into greased miniature muffin tins. Baits were then baked at 375°F for 20 min, racks rotated, and cooked for another 20 min.