

Stinging Insects



Hornet

Color: Gold with dark brown stripes and markings.

Behavior

– These social wasps build paper nests constructed usually from wood scraped from logs, decks and houses. Loud vibrating equipment such as lawn mowers can disturb the hornet and cause them to attack.

Habitat – Constructs paper nests usually in trees and large bushes.



Paper Wasp

Color: Many are reddish-brown or dark red. However others will have bright stripes of red and yellow.

Behavior – This wasp makes a round paper nest attached by a single stalk to a horizontal surface.

Habitat – Nests are commonly found in attic vents, corners of doors and windows, under decks, in soffits, and in trees.



Mud Dauber

Color: Black or sometimes steel blue in color. Sometimes with darker markings.

Behavior – Mud daubers are solitary wasps that construct small nests of mud in or around homes, sheds, and barns and under open structures, bridges and similar sites. This wasp group is named for the nests that are made from mud collected by the females. Mud is rolled into a ball, carried to the nest and molded into place with the wasp's mandibles in the shape of cylindrical tubes resembling pipe-organ pipes.



Yellow Jacket

Color: Small wasps with black and yellow stripes.

Behavior – Yellow jackets will aggressively attack when their nest is disturbed, and can inflict a very painful sting. Unlike the honeybee, which can sting only once before dying, a yellow jacket can sting multiple times. Yellow jackets can pose a health risk if found near your home. If they are discovered, please do not attempt treatment.

Habitat – Yellow jackets often locate their nests in the ground. They may have nests located in a crack or hole in a building.

