

Identifying the Yellow-Legged Asian Hornet

Know the insects you might see out and about and how to tell the difference between them.

Please report any Yellow-Legged Asian hornet sightings, along with an image if possible.



BUMBLE BEE

- **FEATURES:** Large and furry, colouring may be black and yellow, or black and red/orange, short wings.
- **SIZE:** Up to 2.5cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** April-October
- **WILL IT STING?** Can sting more than once, but not likely if left alone.



COMMON WASP

- **FEATURES:** Shiny, black and yellow striped abdomen, long antennae.
- **SIZE:** Up to 2cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** April-October
- **WILL IT STING?** Not naturally aggressive but will sting if threatened. Can sting multiple times.



MEDIAN WASP

- **FEATURES:** Larger than Common Wasp, variable markings, some dark with narrow yellow bands on abdomen.
- **SIZE:** Up to 2.2cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** May-October
- **WILL IT STING?** Not naturally aggressive but will sting if threatened. Can sting multiple times.



HONEY BEE

- **FEATURES:** Dark brown head, brown/dark orange and black bands on abdomen, slightly furry.
- **SIZE:** 1.5cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** March-September
- **WILL IT STING?** More docile than wasps. Will only sting once, if threatened.



HORNET MIMIC HOVERFLY

- **FEATURES:** Largest hoverfly in UK. Black and yellow striped, big eyes, wide body, tiny antennae.
- **SIZE:** 2cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** May-October
- **WILL IT STING?** No - this one might look like a hornet, but it's harmless.



WOOD WASP

- **FEATURES:** Large, elongated body, yellow and black-banded abdomen, long ovipositor for egg-laying, long yellow antennae.
- **SIZE:** Up to 4cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** May-August
- **WILL IT STING?** No. Despite appearances, this one won't hurt you.



DARK GIANT HORSEFLY

- **FEATURES:** Large dark brown eyes, black/brown bands on abdomen, loud buzzing in flight, small antennae.
- **SIZE:** Up to 2.5cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** June-September
- **WILL IT STING?** Not a sting, but this one will give a painful bite.



EUROPEAN HORNET

- **FEATURES:** Larger than Asian Hornet. Yellow and brown abdomen, brown/dark red legs.
- **SIZE:** Up to 3.5cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** May-November
- **WILL IT STING?** Only if threatened, more docile than wasps and Asian Hornets.
- **EUROPEAN HORNETS ARE NATIVE TO THE UK AND DO NOT POSE A THREAT.**



YELLOW-LEGGED ASIAN HORNET

- **FEATURES:** Dark black/brown body with a broad orange/yellow stripe near the tail, yellow-tipped legs.
- **SIZE:** Up to 3cm
- **WHEN WILL I SEE IT?** April - November
- **WILL IT STING?** One hornet unlikely to sting, but will become aggressive if it perceives a threat to its nest.
- **YELLOW-LEGGED HORNETS ARE AN INVASIVE SPECIES AND SHOULD BE REPORTED IF SEEN.**



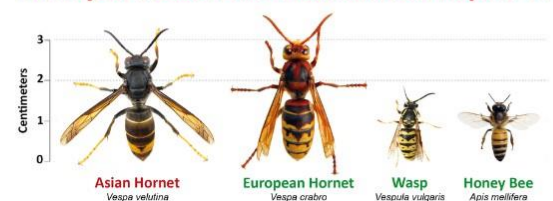
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Yellow-Legged Asian hornets are an **INVASIVE SPECIES** and a threat to honey bees and other pollinators. Any sightings should be reported, along with an image if possible. Scan the QR code to download the Asian Hornet Watch app - **SEE IT, SNAP IT, APP IT!**



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Think you've seen an Asian Hornet? Report it!



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport