

# Pest Bio

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## Bald-Faced Hornets



Idaho does not actually have any true hornets, the Bald-Facet hornet is actually a species of yellow jacket.

The Bald-Face hornet gets its name from the characteristic white markings on its face. They are most easily identified and distinguished from other yellowjackets by their black and white coloring. They create egg shaped paper nests that can measure one by two feet in size. Nests are layered hexagonal combs covered by mottled gray paper. They can squirt or spray their venom from the stinger into the eyes of intruders causing irritation and temporary blindness.

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### DIET

Bald-Faced Hornets are omnivorous. They eat meat, spiders, fruit and insects. Adults will also drink flower nectar which they feed to their larvae.

### HABITAT

Bald-Faced Hornets live throughout the North America, they are usually found in forested and urban areas in trees and bushes but can occasionally be found on the side of buildings.

### BEHAVIOR

Bald-Faced hornets have an aggressive and defensive nature with people and this makes them dangerous. If you get too close to the nest they will swarm and sting repeatedly.

### Bald-Faced Hornet Facts:

Size: 3/4"

Shape: Narrow/Long

Color: Black with  
White Markings

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hymenoptera

Family:

-Vespidae

Genus:

-Dolichovespula