

# Pest Bio

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## Mud Dauber



Multiple nest close by each other are usually the work of just one female.

Mud Daubers go through four stages of development: egg, larva, pupa and adult. They build their nests out of mud and can lay up to 25 eggs in the nest, one egg in each cell of the nest. Along with each egg the mud dauber will place insects, usually spiders, that have been paralyzed by its sting. The cell is then sealed with mud. After a few days the egg will hatch and the larva will eat the insect left in the cell by its mother. The larva then spin a cocoon and over winter. They emerge as an adult in the spring, they live for about 1 year.

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managing Mud Daubers**

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### DIET

Adults eat nectar from flowers, especially parsnips and water parsnips. Nests are provisioned with paralyzed spiders.

### HABITAT

Mud Daubers can usually be found in muddy areas in the summer months collecting mud to make their nests. Their nests are often found on rough surfaces like bricks and stucco on peoples homes.

### BEHAVIOR

Mud Daubers are solitary wasps, they do not fly in swarms or live in large colonies. They are not aggressive and do not usually sting unless they are mishandled.

### Wolf Spider Facts:

Size: About 1"

Shape: Long/Thin

Color: Black with a yellow markings

Legs: 8

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hymenoptera

Family:

-Sphecidae

Genus:

-Sceliphron