

# Pest Bio

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## Paper Wasp



**Did you know that in the fall, all wasps except for a few queens that go into hypernatation die?**

There are about 1100 species of paper wasps worldwide. Paper wasps construct a paper like nest with open combs for brood rearing. They secrete a chemical that repels ants and spread it around the base of the nest to protect their eggs.

**Call Barrier for help managing your Paper Wasps 208-463-4533**

### Wasp Facts:

Size: 0.5"-1.5"

Shape: Long/Narrow

Color: Black/Yellow

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hymenoptera

Family:

-Vespidae

Genus:

-Polistes

### DIET

Paper wasps feed on nectar and pollen and other insects like caterpillars, flies and beetle larva.

### HABITAT

Paper Wasps like to build their nests in sheltered areas like the eaves of a house, tree branches, open pipes and along fences.

### BEHAVIOR

Paper Wasps will generally only attack if they or their nest is threatened, they are also natural polinators and considered by gardeners to be beneficial.