

Pest Bio

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Yellow Jacket



Although sometimes referred to as Meat Bees, Yellow Jackets are in fact apart of the Wasp Family.

Yellow Jackets are social hunters living in colonies containing workers, queens, and male (drones). Colonies are annual with only inseminated queens overwintering. Queens emerge during the warm days of late spring or early summer, select a nesting site and build a small nest in which they lay eggs. The queen takes care of the first batch of eggs and then when they have matured into adults they take over caring for the new eggs. Each colony can reach up to 4,000-5,000 workers.

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DIET

Adult Yellow Jackets eat primarily items rich in sugars and carbohydrates such as fruit, flower nectar and tree sap. Larvae feed on proteins from insects, meats and fish.

HABITAT

Yellow Jackets build nests in trees, shrubs or in protected places such as inside man-made structures or in soil cavities, tree stumps and mouse burrows.

BEHAVIOR

Because Yellow Jackets dont loose their stinger they can and will sting unprovoked. They will defend their nest and can swarm attack when someone accidently steps on the nest opening.

Yellow Jacket Facts:

Size: 0.5"

Shape: Narrow/Long

Color: Black with Yellow Markings

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hymenoptera

Family:

-Vespidae

Genus:

-Vespa or Dolichovespula