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COMMON WASPS OF OHIO



European hornet Vespa crabro 16–25 mm



Baldfaced hornet Dolichovespula maculata 11–18 mm



Baldfaced hornet nest



Eastern yellowjacket Vespula maculifrons 7–14 mm



German yellowjacket Vespula germanica 8–18 mm



Yellowjacket nest entrance (Nests are in the ground or in a wall cavity.)



Northern paper wasp Polistes fuscatus 13–17 mm



Cicada killer wasp Sphecius speciosus 21–40 mm



European paper wasp Polistes dominula 8.5–13 mm



Paper wasp nest



Potter wasp nest beelab.osu.edu

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Great golden digger Sphex ichneumoneus 19–27 mm



Blue mud dauber Chalybion californicum 13–22 mm



Great black wasp Sphex pensylvanicus 22–38 mm



Grass carrying wasp Isodontia spp. 16–23 mm



Mud dauber tubes



Grass carrying pupa (Pupa is often found in window sashes or in bee hotel tubes.)



Honey bee: Not a wasp Wool o WASP FAMILIES Vespidae • Crabronidae • Sphecidae



Wool carder bee: Not a wasp



Fly: Not a wasp

Great black wasp



Yellowjacket wasp



European hornet



Cicada killer wasp