

Bald Faced Hornets

Size: Adult Workers are 3/4 – 1" long.
Queens are 1" plus long.



Description:

- Colour pattern is black and white on face with angled white stripes on thorax and abdomen..
- Very large, aggressive hornet.
- Stinger is present.

Biology and Habits: Bald Faced Hornets are social hornets that build aerial nests most commonly in trees and shrubs. An inseminated female queen overwinters and establishes a new nest location in early spring. She builds the beginning base of the gray paper nest and tends to 20-30 eggs- larvae to start the colony. After 25-30 days the first 6-8 new emerging workers take over all tasks in the colony other than the queens egg laying.

Summer progresses, hundred more workers emerge and all share in the tasks of building their nest, tending to eggs and larvae, food gathering etc. These gray paper nests can range in size from a volleyball to extremely large beach balls with thousands of hornets.

These Hornets are very protective of their nest and colony and will inflict serious pain if stung.



Control: As all hornets, wasps and bees these insects are very beneficial. And if the nest is far enough away from your home that you can leave them alone for the summer, this is best. By late fall, all workers, males and unfertilized females will perish. Only the inseminated queens will overwinter to begin the cycle next spring. Make note that the queens do not remain in this seasons nest and do not reuse the nest. So late in the fall you can remove the nest after activity has diminished.

If the nest is too close for your liking please contact us. We will treat and remove the nest utilizing the best products and techniques. Each treatment situation is slightly different depending on location of nest, surrounding structures, size of nest and height off the ground. We assess which treatment and product to use when we arrive on site.

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