



S pot the difference!

European wasp

black
antennae

bright yellow
and black

bee-shaped
body, about
15mm long

legs close to
body during
flight



Actual size

Report

Yellow paper wasp

yellow-orange
antennae

bright yellow
and black

slender body,
between 15-
19mm long

legs dangle
during flight



Actual size

Report suspect European wasps immediately:
Go to mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au or call **1800 084 881**

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Food: feeds on pet foods, scraps, meat, fish and dead insects.

Nests: usually underground, but may also be concealed in a roof or wall cavity or hollow trees.

Flying: legs are held close to body during flight. Fly very fast, generally do not hover.

Treatment: nests are destroyed free of charge by the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA). It is hazardous to approach a nest. Wasps can attack en-masse and will sting repeatedly.

Yellow paper wasp

Food: feeds on nectar, caterpillars and on other small insects.

Nests: small grey, papery honeycomb nests above ground, under roof tiles, eaves, fence cappings or in bushes.

Flying: back legs dangle during flight. Often seen hovering near bushes and over lawns.

Treatment: by the householder or pest control operator. Spray nests with fly spray after sunset when wasps are inactive, as wasps can sting repeatedly if the nest is approached during the day.

European wasps are an exotic pest to Western Australia which threaten our social amenity, life style, horticultural industries and the environment. DAFWA conducts surveillance for European wasps by placing traps with non-toxic lures across the metropolitan area.

Help us by reporting suspect wasps!

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