



Department of
**Primary Industries and
Regional Development**



European wasp program

Contact card

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(Inspector's name)

(Phone)

ID No. visited on (date)

European wasps have been detected in your area. We would like access to your property to check for nests.

Please phone the inspector above if a number is provided, or call the department's Pest and Disease Information Service on **9368 3080** or email **padis@dpird.wa.gov.au**

Following a visit to your property, our inspector will discuss with you further options – such as the placement of traps or nest destruction, if necessary.

The department has an ongoing surveillance program to locate and destroy every nest, to prevent European wasps from becoming established in Western Australia. One undiscovered nest can lead to numerous new nests the following year. Your cooperation with our surveillance program is appreciated.

Inspector comments for the householder

What you need to know about European wasps

European wasp is a **social, environmental and agricultural** declared pest, due to its aggressive, scavenging and predatory behaviour.



European wasps are attracted to human and pet food, and have a profound negative impact on pollination, honeybees, native invertebrates, people's health (they are highly aggressive), horticulture, the environment, and can disrupt outdoor dining and food-based recreational activities.

Public reports play a vital role in our surveillance efforts

You can identify European wasps through their distinctive characteristics, that are different from other wasps.

- Black antennae
- Feeding on human food and drinks, and pet food (protein)
- Flying in and out of a single hole in the ground (90% of nests are underground)
- Short and raised legs during flight
- Flying very fast with no hovering
- Bee-like shape and approximately 15mm long

Reporting options

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- Call **9368 3080**
- Photograph and map it using MyPestGuide™ Reporter - visit **mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au** for app or to make online report
- Email **padis@dpird.wa.gov.au**

