

Action Card 03: Asian Hornet

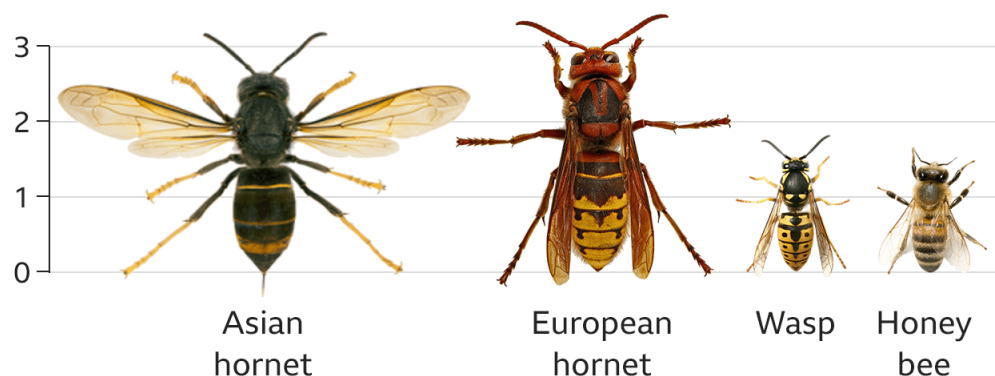
Background

The Asian Hornet represents a danger to humans. An Asian Hornet can sting several times with the same sting - the venom is NOT the same as that of a bee or wasp, and there is currently no antidote for reactions to multiple stings.

A single Asian Hornet is not generally aggressive to humans. If their nest is disturbed, or an Asian Hornet is threatened, they can be aggressive toward humans and animals. An Asian Hornet can sting several times and send a pheromone trail to nearby hornets who will also respond. They are likely to be no more than 12 minutes flight away from their nest.

Asian Hornet are shown below. The easiest identifier is their yellow legs, with very little yellow on their bodies.

in cm



Preparation

- Download the Asian Hornet App.
- If you are susceptible to anaphylaxis, consider carrying an Epi-Pen.

Action on Sighting an Asian Hornet

- Alert the landowner.
- Report the sighting through the Asian Hornet App, ideally including a photograph, and to: aht-coordinator@sdbka.org.

Action on Finding a Nest

- Move away from the area. If you disturb a nest or single Asian Hornet, leave the area very swiftly, once you are away from the nest site the hornets will cease to attack.
- Warn people nearby.
- Alert the landowner.
- Report the sighting through the Asian Hornet App, ideally including a photograph, and to: aht-coordinator@sdbka.org.

Action on Mass Asian Hornet Attack

- Move away from the area.
- Warn people nearby.
- Call the Police on 999.
- Seek medical help for those stung on 999.
- Be prepared to assist the emergency services with short term evacuation and traffic diversions.