

Wasp classification and details

Classification:

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Hymenoptera
Family: Vespidae
Genus: Polistes
Species: dominulus

Binomial name:

Polistes dominulus

Common name: Wasp

Scientific Name: *Polistes dominulus* (paper
Wasp)

Length: 10 to 19 mm (0.5inc-0.75inc)

Color: Black with yellow, Brown and white



General information on Wasps

Different types of wasp exist in Canada. These are the yellow jacket, hornet and paper wasp. Wasp species have chewing mouth parts, whilst the females have a stinger. The colony has fertile queens which are the reproductive females.

The workers are the sterile female and males. During summer the queens and males mate. The rest of the population dies whilst the fertilized queen survives over the winter period. During spring the queen gather plant fiber-like materials and plant cellulose and mixes it with saliva to make paper nest.

The wasp population can be up to 35, 0000 individuals. Wasp feed on many different types of insects and therefore considered as beneficial in the ecosystem. Wasp constructs their paper nest in corners of buildings, under eaves, ceilings, attics and sometimes on trees.

Wasp can sting when their nest is disturbed. They forage for sweet tasting fruits during the day. It is not recommended to seal the hole leading to the nest until professional treatment of colony. Disposing of fallen fruit and garbage will help to reduce wasp activity within the vicinity of property.

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