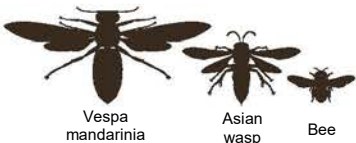


Vespa mandarinia

japonica



The Vespa is a wasp species just a bit larger than the other species.



Yellow and orange head, strong jaws, black and prominent eyes and a striped black and yellow abdomen.

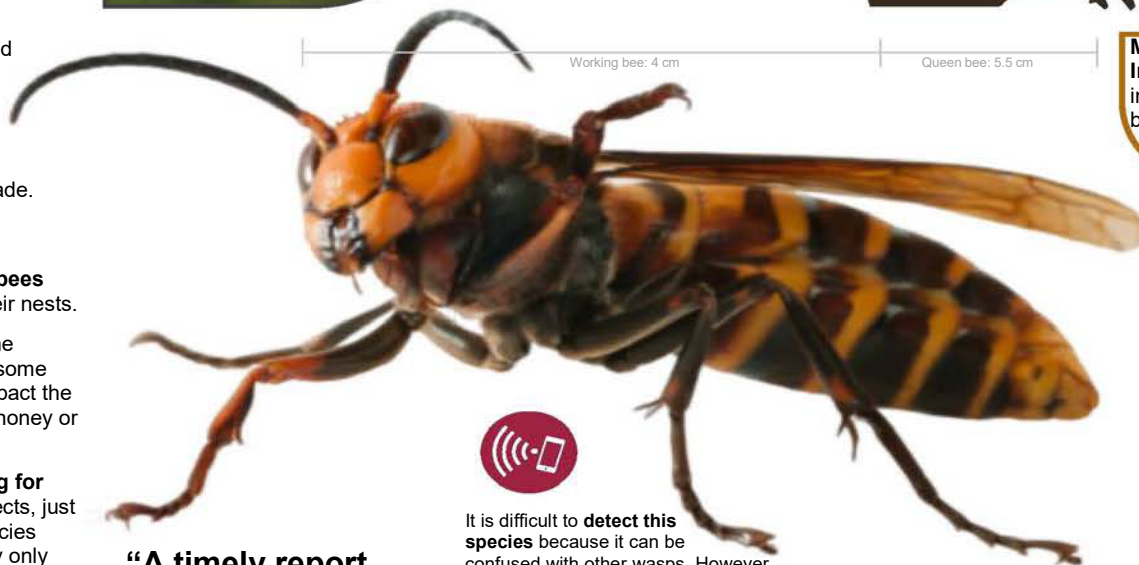


It is Asian in origin and currently its presence has been reported in North America (United States and Canada) from where it has been eradicated and no attacks on people or swarms have been reported. Nevertheless, there is ongoing surveillance to detect any new finds.

These wasps reached the American continent due to human factors and not an invasive behavior.



In Japan they are consumed together with their larvae, either fried or boiled.



Mexico has a National Inspection System operating in its ports, airports and borders to prevent the introduction of this and other species.

It has **no impact** on trade.

It is **not** a pest.

It **only attacks honeybees** when they are near their nests.

Their **presence** and the occasional attacks on some beehives would not impact the national production of honey or the exports thereof.

They **fly alone looking for their food**, that is, insects, just as any other wasp species around the world. They only gather in groups when they attack a beehive.

If the species reaches **Mexico**, it will have a hard time trying to settle, due to the weather and the diversity of predators: birds, mammals, reptiles, arachnids and even other insects.

“A timely report means caring for the ecosystem and its species”

It is difficult to **detect this species** because it can be confused with other wasps. However, it can be detected by observing attacks on the bees' population.

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The **National Surveillance system** aims to investigate possible attacks on the honeybee populations throughout the country, in the event of detection.

People are only attacked if they disturb their nests, and even before that; wasps make a clicking sound as a warning.

Wasp attacks on humans are non-lethal, unless the attacked individual is allergic and suffers an anaphylactic shock, just as with the sting from any other species.

When trying to exterminate this kind of wasps, any confusion with the regular Vespa mandarinia could cause considerable damage to the ecosystem and the endemic species.

The use of pesticides causes the destruction of many other beneficial insects; water and soil pollution, and severe risks to human health and their pets.

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