Characteristics of the yellow-legged hornet (YLH)





(Vespa velutina)

Size

Adults are about 3/4"-1" long. This is comparable in size to the native bald-faced hornet

Yellow fourth abdominal segment

Presence of a broad yellow stripe on the fourth abdominal segment. Segments 1-3 usually much darker with slight/narrow yellow stripe.

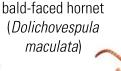
Yellow legs (bottom half)

The bottom half of all legs are yellow. This characteristic is where the yellow-legged hornet gets its common name.

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Southern yellowjacket (Vespula squamosa)





European hornet (*Vespa crabro*)



Eastern cicada killer (*Sphecius speciosus*)



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base of abdomen dark with thin yellow stripe; tip of abdomen lighter, diffuse yellow

