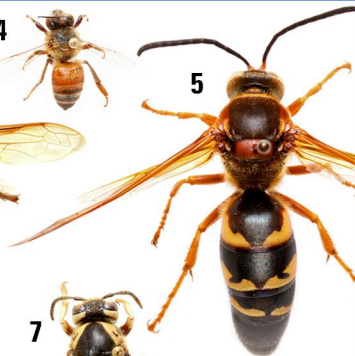


Found in North Carolina



1. **Southern yellowjacket** (queen) (*Vespula squamosa*)
2. **Southern yellowjacket** (worker) (*Vespula squamosa*)
3. **European hornet** (*Vespa crabro*) [est. 1840]
4. **honey bee** (*Apis mellifera*)
5. **Eastern cicada killer** (*Sphecius speciosus*)
6. **paper wasp** (*Polistes* sp.)
7. **bald-faced hornet** (*Dolichovespula maculata*)



Not Found in North Carolina*

◀ yellow-legged hornet (*Vespa velutina*)

body dark, except face orange,
tips of legs yellow/light-colored
and tip of abdomen yellow
orange; stripes not well defined

Northern giant hornet ▶ (*Vespa mandarinia*)

head entirely yellow, eyes far
removed from back of head;
stripes even, without extra
markings



*As of 2023, the Northern giant hornet has only been found in the state of Washington and British Columbia, Canada. Eradication efforts are thought to have been successful. In August 2023, the yellow-legged hornet was found in the state of Georgia, where nests were located. Its current status in the SE USA is unknown.

yellow-legged hornet photos by Todd Gilligan, USDA APHIS PPQ ITP; all other photos by Matt Bertone, NC State University



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