

HELP US SAVE THE WASPS

Wasps are very common throughout North America and while very different from the honey bee, they too serve an important role as pollinator.

Wasps have a shiny, smooth body with bright yellow and deep black stripes across their abdomen.

The nests often appear in sheltered open spaces, made out of a paper-like material.

They behave much more aggressively than the common honey bee and are far more likely to sting.

Wasps' important roles:

- Social wasps are predators and as such they play a vital ecological role, controlling the numbers of potential pests like greenfly and many caterpillars.

- Wasps are increasingly recognised as valuable pollinators, transferring pollen as they visit flowers to drink nectar.

How to prevent wasps:

- To neutralize a nest without using pesticides, cover the entry hole with a large translucent bowl or other cover, held in place with a brick.
- Be sure to approach yellow jacket nests at night, when the yellow jackets are at rest.

They may not make honey, but have as much purpose as the honeybee.

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