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# WHAT IS THE ASIAN HORNET?

AND WHY ARE WE WORRIED?





**MOSTLY DARK**

**FOURTH BAND YELLOW**

**YELLOW LEGS**



# Asian Hornet Watch



# What is the life cycle of the Asian hornet?

## SPRING



Queen leaves hibernation March-April

Food source is early flowers rich in nectar

Begins a small primary nest

Usually in man made structure

Nest usually low down

## SUMMER

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When 50-100 workers, nest relocates

Secondary nests usually made at top of a tree

5000 - 10,000 cells in nest

Hornets are defensive near nest

Eats bumble bees, wasps, spiders, other insects

## AUTUMN

From end of September, males and next year's queens are released from the nest

Each nest can produce hundreds of queens

Many queens die off during winter (over 90%)

Nests visible in trees after leaf drop



## Number of Asian hornet nests in Europe



**ECOLOGICAL COST:**



**ECONOMIC COST:**



## IDENTIFY

YELLOW LEGS

MOSTLY DARK

ONE YELLOW SEGMENT

## KEEP WATCH

SHEDS & GARAGES

PICNICS, FRUIT TREES

## REPORT

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