



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Entirely dark body
(native hornet more
brown/orange)

Dark abdomen
fourth segment
yellow/orange

Yellow tips to legs
(native hornet
has dark legs)

Have you seen this insect?

The yellow-legged hornet is sometimes called an Asian hornet. It is a type of insect that is not native to the UK. It eats honey bees and other pollinators. This is why we want to stop it from spreading.

A dead yellow-legged hornet nest has been found near Wrexham. We need you to tell us straight away if you see this insect so we can stop it spreading.

It looks like this.

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They are slightly smaller than the European hornet. This is how they look compared to some other insects.



Yellow-legged



European hornet



Median wasp



Hornet mimic



Woodwasp

Where you might see it.

Yellow-legged hornets are **active from February to November**, but you're most likely to see them from **July onwards**. They like:

- **Flowering plants** (especially ivy in autumn)
- **Beehives**
- **Rotting fruit** like fallen apples

They are not usually aggressive, but they can sting if they feel their nest is in danger. So **never go near a nest**.

How to let us know if you've seen one.

If you think you've seen a yellow-legged hornet, please report it.

- On the **Asian Hornet Watch App** (free for Android and iPhone), or
- Using the UK CEH yellow-legged online recording form

Make sure to include a **photo** and the **location** of your sighting.

Or you can scan this QR code:

For more information visit gov.wales/yellow-legged-hornet

