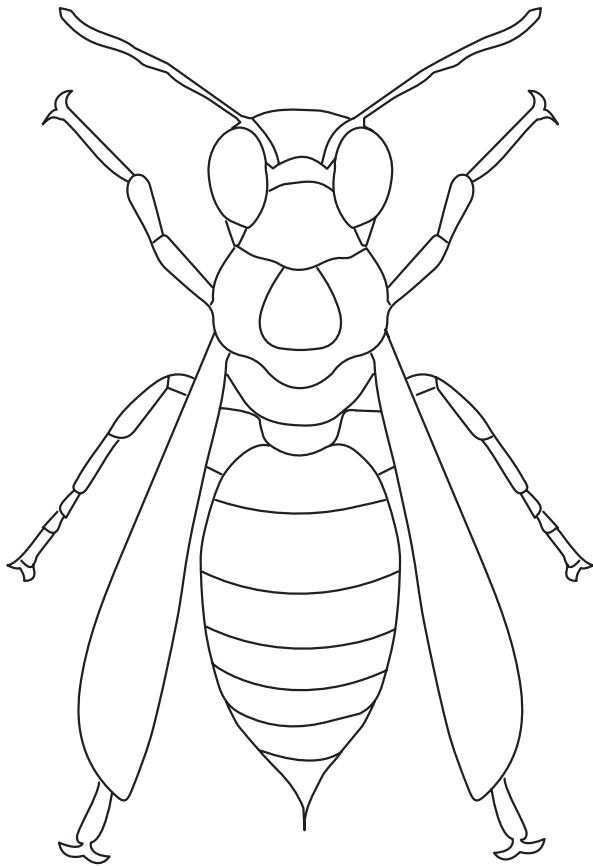




Yellow-legged hornets *Vespa Velutina*

The yellow-legged hornet is an invasive insect that can harm our environment. It eats bees, which are very important for pollinating plants and making honey. If you ever see a hornet, don't touch it – it can sting! Instead, tell an adult so they can report it.

Colour in this yellow-legged hornet and pay special attention to all the distinguishing features.



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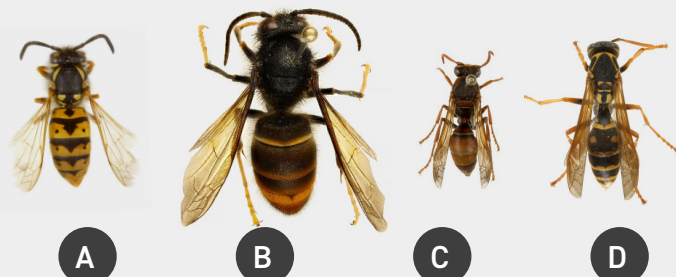
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DRONE	FLY	HONEY	HORNET
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PREDATOR	QUEEN	REPORT	SPECIES
STING	TRAP	WORKER	YELLOW

TRUE OR FALSE??

1. The yellow-legged hornet is helpful for bees.
2. Hornets can sting and it can hurt.
3. If you see a hornet, you should catch it and show your friends.
4. A queen hornet can lay hundreds of eggs.
5. You should report a hornet sighting to an adult so they can contact Biosecurity New Zealand.

Can you spot the hornet?

Features to look for are its large size, darker colours compared with wasps, and a yellow band near the end of its body.



To report a suspected hornet, ask a parent or teacher to contact **Biosecurity New Zealand**
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