

Alien Giant Hornet Invasion!



If you think you see an Asian giant hornet...

SLAP! it with a stick to kill it

SNAP! a photo of it

ZAP! an email off to info@bcinvasives.ca

& nanaimobeekeepers@gmail.com

WRAP! it in a ziplock bag & freeze it, in case sample is needed

& TRAP! for [additional](#) hornets



Please exercise care around hornets & yellow jackets, especially if you encounter a nest. As with any stinging insects follow this general rule:

**If stings have been nil,
It's best to stand still,
But once you've been stung,
Cage your eyes and just run,
If there is some brush,
Let it shield your rush.**



Vespa mandarinia is a large non-native hornet that feeds on large insects, especially honey bees, and could endanger our already beleaguered pollinators. Were it to become established it could represent a risk to public safety as the stings, though rare as lightning strikes, are quite painful and can lead to injuries requiring medical treatment.

For further info see:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/animal-and-crops/plant-health/pest_alert_asian_hornet.pdf