

A Bug's Life

Mason/potter wasps

Family: Eumenidae

Fun facts

- Active June to October
- Prey on variety of insects including caterpillars and beetle larvae
- Larvae develop in mud nests of various forms and sizes
- Use soil from puddles/pool edges

Identification

Nest: Small mud pots, cylindrical nests stuck to structure or items outdoors, some with exit holes

Wasps: Various colors and sizes, common ones have black body with yellow markings and different stripe patterns, others brightly colored

Management

- None recommended
- Adults feed on plant nectar
- Not a sting risk, does not defend the nest and is not aggressive
- Scrape down mud nests if accessible



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