A Bug's Life Steel blue cricket hunter

Fun facts

- Active from June to September
- Prey on field crickets
- Found in open areas near loose soils
- Associated with cicada killers
- Larvae develop in underground burrows, feeding on paralyzed prey



Identification

<u>Wasp</u>: Large, quick, dazzling, metallic blue wasp often seen on the ground hunting and twitching

Similar appearance to the blue mud dauber that preys on spiders and build mud nests



Transporting cricket to burrow

Management

- None recommended
- Adults feed on plant nectar
- Not a sting risk, does not defend the nest and is not aggressive
- Beneficial because of free pest control services



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