



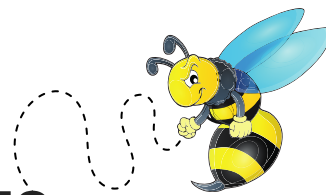
THE WASP

FACT FILE

UK wasps are mainly *Vespula vulgaris* (the common wasp) and *Vespula germanica* (the German wasp). Both wasp types are large yellow and black striped buzzing insects.

DID YOU KNOW

Only female wasps have stingers, and these are for laying eggs? And unlike a bee, a wasp can sting you multiple times – ouch!



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Breeding / Life-cycle

The Queen Wasp is a warrior. Larger than normal wasps, the Queen wasp builds her nest with individual cells and rears the first worker wasps, within 3-4 weeks. One nest may produce around 3,000 - 8,000 wasps

Strength

A wasp sting can be very painful, and in rare cases fatal. But that's not all, distress a wasp and it will emit a pheromone that sends a signal to others in the colony nearby and that puts them all in defence mode. So, not only can a single wasp cause a nasty sting but in calling for back up the wasp has extra strength in numbers.

Agility

Wasps build the most amazing nests that would give even the world's greatest architects a run for their money. Every wasp nest is unique, and they build them anywhere to any size.

Environmental

Little known beneficial pest, the wasp is the gardener's friend. Feeding their grubs on insects and caterpillars they reduce the pest population in the garden saving your plants, flowers and vegetables!

Nuisance Factor

Wasps trump most other insects as one of the UK's most feared and potentially aggressive pests. Wasp stings are painful and at worst fatal.

PGM Pest Trumps Rating 7/10

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Overall PGM Review

We can't help but be impressed by both the architectural skillset and their ability to cause pain despite their size. These are highly evolved insects which also benefit our environment. We've given them a high rating for their skills but marked them down for their nuisance factor.

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