

Asian Giant Hornet and Look-Alikes

Several questions are coming in about the Asian giant hornet (a.k.a. "murder hornet"). It has not been detected in Montana.

The Montana Department of Agriculture has set up vinegar and orange juice traps to monitor for any potential introductions (also in 2020). The design of the traps is based on what the Washington State Department of Agriculture has used in their sampling efforts.



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Asian giant hornet (size-1-2" long). Photo by Washington Dept.

Look-Alikes



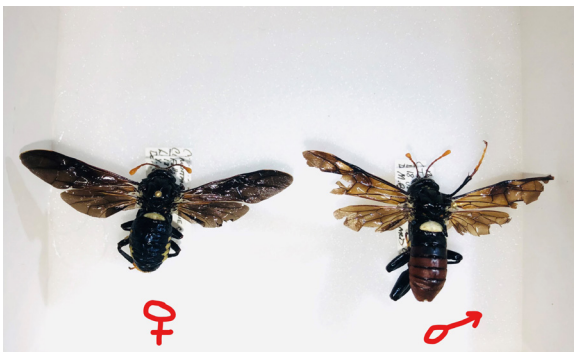
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Cicada killer, *Sphecius speciosus* (1.2-1.6" long), left-female, right-male. Photo by W. Cranshaw, CSU, Bugwood



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Pigeon tremex. Photo by Pest and Diseases Image Library, Bugwood



Elm sawfly (3/4-1" long). Photo by L. Kerzicnik

Please see this link for more information on the Asian giant hornet
<https://www.agr.mt.gov/BeeProgram>