



## NORTHERN GIANT HORNET STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

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#### REPORT SIGHTINGS

There are no detections yet this year. Northern giant hornets are the world's largest hornet. They are usually 1.5 - 2 inches in length and have a large orange head with prominent eyes and a black and orange/yellow striped abdomen. If you suspect to see a hornet, try to take a picture, and report your sighting to WSDA. Make a report

- online [on our webpage](#)
- by emailing [hornets@agr.wa.gov](mailto:hornets@agr.wa.gov)
- by calling 1-800-443-6684



#### HELP US TRAP FOR HORNETS

WSDA's hornet team is fully staffed, but it's not too late for you to become a [citizen scientist](#)! Trapping began in July and Washington

residents are still welcome to help monitor for northern giant hornets. You can build, hang, log, and monitor a bottle trap to potentially catch a northern giant hornet.

Any trapping between now and November is appreciated, even if you can't trap all the way until November. Learn how to trap for hornets on our [trapping webpage](#).

## EVENTS

**The Evergreen State Fair, August 29 – Sept 2**

**Enumclaw Farmers Market, Sept 5**

**Washington State Fair (Puyallup) September 7 & 14**

Stop by WSDA's booth during one of these events to see northern giant hornet specimens, a radio tracker, and pieces of a hornet nest. Take home an identification card and learn how you can help protect pollinators and Washington's resources from this pest.



## WSDA TRAPPING UPDATE

WSDA is busy checking over 900 traps in northwest Whatcom County. The traps are designed from a style of bottle traps from Japan baited

with rice cooking wine and orange juice. They offer a tasty bit of fuel for the hunting hornets – which then drown in the solution.

Traps are serviced on a weekly basis. Staff remove the trap and pour the contents into a strainer, and sorted to look for northern giant hornet. The trap receives a fresh mix of bait and is rehung until the next service.



#### UPDATE FROM CANADA

Canada still receives and solicits reports from the public. Luckily, no reports have been northern giant hornet.

#### YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET UPDATE

In August 2023 a Savannah, GA beekeeper discovered an unusual-looking hornet outside of his apiary and reported it to the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA). It was an invasive yellow-legged hornet and the first confirmed detection in the United States. Since then, GDA has found and destroyed 18 nests.

Yellow-legged hornets were also detected in November 2023 in a trap in South Carolina. The first abandoned embryo nest was found in April 2024. The Clemson University Department of Plant Industry destroyed the first secondary nests of the yellow-legged hornet this month. Read more in their [latest press release](#).

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