

# Asian Hornet (*Vespa velutina nigrithorax*)

## WHAT IS IT?

An invasive non-native hornet originally from Asia. *Suspected records should be reported immediately.* A highly aggressive predator of native insects, posing a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. An Asian Hornet found in Alderney in July 2016 was positively identified by the National Bee Unit, the associated small nest was destroyed.



## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

It's predominantly velvety black with a broad orange/yellow stripe on the abdomen and a fine yellow band on the first segment. When seen from the front its head is orange, and its legs are yellow at the tips.

It measures between 17 and 32mm, it is smaller than the European Hornet



Life-size Asian Hornet



## WHAT CAN BEEKEEPERS DO?

Put out monitoring traps and check them regularly, daily is ideal. Keep a note of what enters the trap if you can with dates. Anyone who thinks they have seen an Asian Hornet is asked to first read the Asian Hornet ID sheet on the National Bee Unit's website

<http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/public/News/news.cfm?all=y#170>

If you consider you have an Asian hornet after reading the ID sheet you should report it to this email address [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk) and to [Linda.mccutcheon@gov.gg](mailto:Linda.mccutcheon@gov.gg), Tel: 01481 707612

or to [ACLMS@gov.gg](mailto:ACLMS@gov.gg) Tel: 01481 717200. If at all possible take a photograph.

## Please help us to help you!

Swift identification of Asian Hornet and destroying its nests is key to protecting our honey bees and other insects throughout the Channel Islands. Please put out monitoring traps, check them daily, and report any suspicious wasp or hornet immediately.



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