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THE EUROPEAN WASP TINY BOOK OF FACTOIDS

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- **Learn about European Wasps**

- **Impress your friends**

- **Bore your friends?**

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DID YOU KNOW?

Factoid # 1

**European Wasps can kill up
to 40 Bees per day.**

**They can actually kill Bees in
flight!**





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Factoid # 2

European Wasps pose a significant threat to agriculture, particularly impacting the honey industry.

What measures are you taking to safeguard our bees?





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Factoid # 3

European Wasps Are NOT Native to Australia

These wasps lack natural predators and compete with native insects, disrupting the region's biodiversity.

Consider this: "compete" essentially means "kill."





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Factoid # 4

European Wasps are drawn to bee hives, seeking an easy food source. They have the ability to eliminate all the bees in a hive within just a few hours.





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Factoid # 5

Unlike bees, European wasps can sting multiple times and release pheromones that trigger swarming attacks.

(A word of caution for DIY enthusiasts!)





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Factoid # 6

European Wasps pose a significant threat to fruit pickers.

These wasps are particularly drawn to sweet food sources.

(Consider OH&S implications)





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Factoid # 7

European wasp nests are primarily found underground, except in wet conditions. Disturbing one of these nests can provoke thousands of wasps to swarm and attack.





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Factoid # 8

European Wasps can harm crops like grapes and stone fruits, often blending their diets with that of bees. They are naturally inquisitive and eager to explore what you are cultivating in your garden.





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Factoid # 9

European Wasps are known to scavenge for human food and beverages, in addition to pet food. These insects can be a nuisance and pose health risks to both people and pets. If not managed, their presence may significantly disrupt your daily life.





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Factoid # 10

European Wasps pose a safety threat during outdoor activities due to their incessant foraging, aggressive nature, and concealed nests. Individuals such as maintenance workers, bushwalkers, picnickers, residents, café patrons, and orchardists are all at risk.





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Factoid # 11

In 2016, European Wasps were responsible for a 9% loss in the grape harvest in Tasmania.

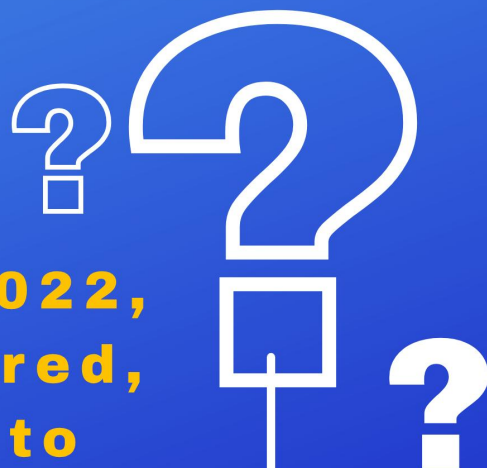




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Factoid # 12

**In Gippsland during 2022,
wasp populations soared,
compelling farmers to
continuously remove
floating wasps from water
troughs to prevent them
from being ingested by
livestock.**





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Factoid # 13

Farmers in New South Wales frequently express concerns about needing to feed their dogs indoors due to the threat of wasp stings and competition for pet food.





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Factoid # 14

The typical nest begins modestly but can double or even triple in size, along with the population of wasps, every two weeks. Eventually, it can develop into a colony housing more than 100,000 individuals.





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Factoid # 15

European Wasps are inherently drawn to the foliage found in the Northern Hemisphere. When they're not munching on your ham sandwich, you can bet they're feasting on your Algerian Ivy!





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Factoid # 16

If you believe that ivy is your only concern, think again! It turns out they also have a fondness for Japanese honeysuckle, fruit trees, and stone fruit.





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Factoid # 17

In certain individuals, stings from European Wasps can trigger an allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis; however, this occurrence is quite rare... but...





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Factoid # 18

Trapping at the beginning or end of a season might seem enjoyable, but it ultimately proves to be ineffective. The only way to provide meaningful relief for a community is to implement a remote baiting program combined with a trapping initiative carried out by trained professionals.





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Factoid # 19

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