

# Stinging Insects of Allergenic Importance



**Red Imported Fire Ant**  
*Solenopsis invicta*  
Southern states and Pacific Coast



**Black Imported Fire Ant**  
*Solenopsis richteri*  
Southern states and Pacific Coast



**Yellow Hornet**  
*Dolichovespula arenaria*  
North America excluding Plains states  
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**Baldfaced Hornet**  
*Dolichovespula maculata*  
Northern-half of the US



**Golden Paper Wasp**  
*Polistes fuscatus ssp. aurifer*  
North America, predominantly the East



**Red Paper Wasp**  
*Polistes annularis*  
Eastern and Midwestern states  
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**Black Paper Wasp**  
*Polistes fuscatus*  
North America, predominantly the East



**Common Paper Wasp**  
*Polistes exclamans*  
Throughout the US, Canada, and Mexico



**Common Brown Paper Wasp**  
*Polistes metricus*  
Texas and Eastern states



**Honey Bee**  
*Apis mellifera*  
Worldwide



**Eastern Yellow Jacket**  
*Vespula maculifrons*  
Eastern North America



**German Yellow Jacket**  
*Vespula germanica*  
Eastern and Western United States  
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**Common Yellow Jacket**  
*Vespula vulgaris*  
North America, especially Western and Northeastern states  
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**Southern Yellow Jacket**  
*Vespula squamosa*  
Eastern United States



**Western Yellow Jacket**  
*Vespula pensylvanica*  
Western North America



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