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Animal Fact Sheet

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Asian Giant Hornet

Vespa mandarinia

The Asian giant hornet is the largest hornet on Earth, and its reputation rests on what a few dozen of them can do to a beehive. A scout marks a colony with a pheromone, and the raiding party that fo…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Vespidae
Habitat: Forests and low mountain woodlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years (queen), several weeks to months (workers)
Weight: 2.0–3.5 g
Scientific name: Vespa mandarinia

Did you know?

- A small group of Asian Giant Hornets can destroy an entire honeybee colony within a few hours by entering a 'slaughter phase,' where they rapidly kil…
- A few dozen can destroy a hive of tens of thousands of honeybees in hours — they decapitate the bees rather than sting them. Japanese honeybees kill …

What I learned

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