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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Blue mud dauber

*Chalybion californicum*

The blue mud dauber is a solitary wasp known for its striking metallic blue coloration and slender body. Unlike social wasps, blue mud daubers do not form colonies, instead building individual nests …

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate
**Family:** Sphecidae
**Habitat:** Open fields, meadows, woodlands, and areas near human habitation
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 1-2 years
**Weight:** 0.02-0.05 grams
**Scientific name:** Chalybion californicum

## Did you know?

- Blue mud daubers are among the few natural predators of the black widow spider, helping to keep its populations in check.
- Blue mud daubers recycle abandoned nests of other wasps for their own use. Their vivid blue color helps deter certain predators. They are important i…

## What I learned

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