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Japanese giant hornet

Vespa mandarinia japonica

The Japanese giant hornet is the largest hornet species native to Japan, recognized for its large size and striking orange-yellow head. It can reach lengths of up to 5 centimeters and is known for it...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Vespidae

Habitat: Temperate forests and woodlands

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12–24 weeks (workers), up to 1 year (queens)

Weight: 2.5–3.5 grams

Scientific name: *Vespa mandarinia japonica*

Did you know?

- A small group of Japanese giant hornets can destroy an entire honeybee hive in just a few hours, decapitating the bees and carrying larvae back to th...
- The Japanese giant hornet can fly up to 40 km in a single day at speeds approaching 40 km/h. Its venom contains a potent enzyme that can dissolve hum...

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