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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Japanese giant hornet

*Vespa mandarinia japonica*

Vespa mandarinia japonica is the largest hornet in the world, with queens up to 5 cm and a wingspan around 7 cm, and its impact on honeybees is the reason it is famous. A single scout that finds a hi…

## 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 bee ball wins by margins of a couple of degrees; the bees are running their own bodies within two degrees of death to kill the hornet. The hornet…

## What I learned

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