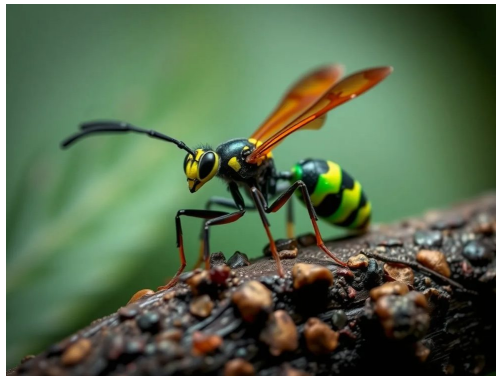


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Jewel Wasp

Ampulex compressa

The Jewel Wasp, also known as the Emerald Cockroach Wasp, is a striking parasitoid wasp known for its metallic blue-green sheen. Native to tropical regions of South Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Isla...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Ampulicidae

Habitat: Tropical forests and woodlands

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-6 months

Weight: 0.05-0.1 grams

Scientific name: *Ampulex compressa*

Did you know?

- Jewel Wasps perform precise neurosurgery with their stinger, targeting specific parts of a cockroach's brain to alter its behavior.
- Jewel Wasps use a highly specialized venom to manipulate the nervous system of their cockroach hosts. The adult wasps themselves feed on nectar, whil...

What I learned
