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Tarantula Hawk Wasp

Pepsis grossa

The Tarantula Hawk Wasp is a large, striking species of spider wasp known for its vivid metallic blue-black body and bright orange wings. Renowned for its powerful sting, it preys on tarantulas, para...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Pompilidae

Habitat: Desert and semi-arid regions

Diet: Carnivore (larvae), Nectarivore (adults)

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 0.5–1.0 grams

Scientific name: *Pepsis grossa*

Did you know?

- The sting of a Tarantula Hawk Wasp is so intense that it can incapacitate large predators, yet it lasts only about five minutes.
- Tarantula Hawk Wasps have one of the most painful stings of any insect. Only female wasps hunt tarantulas, while males feed solely on nectar. Their v...

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