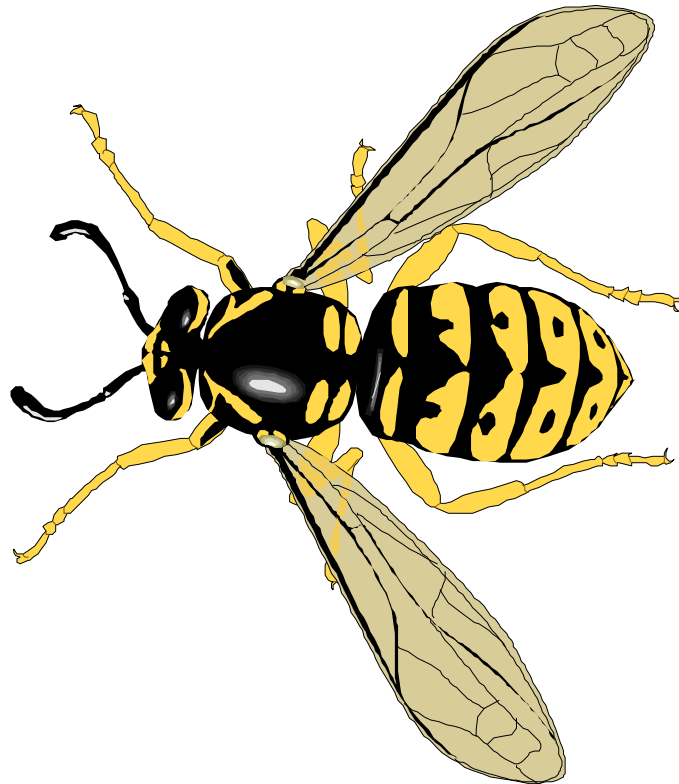


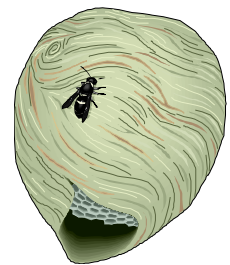
## Wasp: Yellow Jacket



**My Home:** I am aggressive and build 'paper' nests in logs, on the sides of buildings or in trees. I am a social insect and live in colonies. Sometimes the nest populations can number in the thousands.

**What I eat:** I will eat other insects, but also are attracted to sweet smells as in garbage cans or will hover over your picnic table during the summer.

**What I look like:** My body is yellow and black striped and I have two transparent wings. My stinger is located at the end of my abdomen.



**How I am born:** I go through four stages of development: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The queen yellow jacket wasp can lay thousands of eggs. My egg is laid in an individual cells within the paper type nest. The workers in the colony take care of my egg until I hatch. The new queens will hibernate over the winter and each spring builds a new colony. My average life span from egg to adult is one season.

**Fun Facts:** I have a built in 'alarm' and if attacked or killed will release a smell that alerts other wasps that come to help. Yellow jackets can sting repeatedly and are aggressive.