

# Alien Giant Hornet Invasion!



If you think you see an Asian giant hornet...

**SLAP!** it with a stick to kill it

**SNAP!** a photo of it

**ZAP!** an email off to [info@bcinvasives.ca](mailto:info@bcinvasives.ca) & [nanaimobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:nanaimobeekeepers@gmail.com)

**WRAP!** it in a ziplock bag & freeze it, in case sample is needed

**& TRAP!** for additional hornets

Please exercise care around hornets & yellow jackets, especially if you encounter a nest. As with any stinging insects follow this general rule:

**If stings have been nil,  
It's best to stand still,  
But once you've been stung,  
Cage your eyes and just run.**



*Vespa mandarinia* is a large non-native hornet that feeds on large insects, especially honey bees, and could endanger our already beleaguered pollinators. Were it to become established it could represent a risk to public safety as the stings, though rare as lightning strikes, are quite painful and commonly lead to injuries requiring medical treatment.

For further info see:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/animal-and-crops/plant-health/pest\\_alert\\_asian\\_hornet.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/animal-and-crops/plant-health/pest_alert_asian_hornet.pdf)