

## Get to know the European wasp around camping & picnic sites!

European wasps (eWasp™) are attracted to meat, fruit, sugary foods, and drinks. eWasp nests will mainly be found in a hole in the ground around riverbanks or creek lines. eWasps look for protein in the form of meat and look for sugars (carbohydrates) in soft drinks.

### **Do not deliberately disturb or play around a European wasp nest!**

*When an eWasp nest is disturbed, they emit an “alarm pheromone” summoning the colony to defend the nest”.*

### **Precautions against the European wasp**

- Cover all food during mealtimes, BBQs, or picnics.
  - Clean all dishes and barbecue plates after eating and immediately put tied rubbish bags in secured bins or vehicles.
  - Place all left over food in sealed containers.
  - Do not leave fruit lying around, make sure they are in sealed bags or containers.
  - Rubbish and left-over food will attract wildlife and eWasps.
  - Do not hang rubbish bags from trees or tent poles.
  - Keep fish and bait in sealed containers or in your vehicle.
  - Make sure your tent is closed/zipped up to ensure no eWasps fly in looking for food.
  - Do not leave soft drinks, beer, or wine open and unattended. Ensure all lids are on bottles and use a straw to drink from soft drink cans.
- eWasp are known to crawl into soft drink cans, and without knowing it, can sting you in the mouth and throat when taking a sip/drink.

### **First Aid**

- Use a cold pack to reduce swelling and pain.
- Use pain-relieving medication and creams.
- If there is evidence of a more severe reaction or the sting victim is known to be allergic to wasp and bee venom, seek immediate medical attention.
- Warn other visitor's/campers of the eWasps in the area.
- Be eWasp aware no matter where you camp.

### **Contact**

Report all European wasp nests to the eWasp Team for data collection and research programs.

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