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Non Native Species of the UK

The yellow legged hornet

1. Entirely black and velvety thorax and orange head;

Yellow legged hornet abdominal colouration

2. Abdomen black bordered with a fine yellow band and a yellow 4th segment;

3. Legs are brown with characteristic yellow ends.



European hornet abdominal colouration

1. Head yellow from above and from the front. Thorax black and brown;

2. Yellow abdomen marked with brown on the upper part;

3. Legs are entirely brown.



Report sightings of the yellow legged hornet to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk. You can also download the '**Asian Hornet Watch app**,' which is available on most smart phones and handheld devices.

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