

Mud Daubers

Scientific Name: Sceliphron caementarium



Identification Tips:

Color	Black or metallic bluish-black with pale to yellow markings
Legs	6
Size	Adults are 1 to 1 1/8 inch long

Characteristics of this insect:

- Not social wasps and do not live in colonies
- Mud daubers overwinter as full-grown larvae, pupate in the spring, and emerge shortly thereafter
- Females construct nests of mud. The nest is comprised of a series of cylindrical cells that are plastered over to form a smooth nest
- Female captures several spiders which are stung and paralyzed and used as a food source for brood. A single egg is deposited on the prey in each cell. The hatching larvae will eat the prey and emerge from the nest
- The nests will exhibit round holes as the wasps emerge. This indicates that the nest is probably old and inactive

Why are they in my structure?

There is no particular reason why your structure was chosen to be a nesting site for this insect. They select a sheltered site on the structure and construct the mud tubes.



Is this insect harmful to me?

Mud daubers do not defend their nest and only rarely sting (may sting if trying to handle them).

Can I treat the problem myself?

Yes, you can treat this problem yourself. You can scrape the mud nests with a putty knife. The female will rarely rebuild the nest in the same areas within the same year.

What can Apex do for me?

An Apex representative will spend time interviewing the homeowner as to where the mud daubers have been seen and assessing the conditions around or within the home that may be causing the problems. That being said, Apex can provide you with a one-time application or a preventative maintenance plan.

One-Time Treatment: An interview with the homeowner is conducted along with a detailed inspection of both the inside and outside of the structure. Time is spent determining the most effective application and then a targeted application of product is made to rid your home or surroundings of these unwanted guests. A treatment spot is guaranteed for the remainder of the season.

Pest Prevention Plan: Quarterly inspections and treatments are performed to keep your home pest free year around. Free service calls are provided whenever a pest outbreak occurs. Being that a

variety of general insect problems are covered, this is a cost effective way to maintain the integrity of your home and is the [recommended treatment of Apex.](#)

Is the treatment safe for my children and pets?



Since 1969, Apex has always operated with one goal in mind: “*The safety of people, pets, places, and the environment is our first concern.*” Therefore, we will utilize crack and crevice and spot applications, baits, monitors, habitat modification recommendations, and natural products as a method of treatment when possible. When conventional treatments are required, our licensed technicians are trained to apply the products so as to not pose a problem to people or their pets. All conventional products are EPA registered and our technician will advise you of any necessary precautions.

What should I do now?

Call our office at 1-800-MUG-A-BUG (1-800-684-2284) to discuss your problem with a knowledgeable customer service representative. Otherwise, sign up for a free online quote today!

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