

US Eradicated Northern Giant Hornet

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The **Northern giant hornet**, nicknamed the **murder hornet**, has been **successfully eradicated** in the **US**.

- Northern Giant Hornet:
 - The Northern giant hornet (*Vespa Mandarinia*) is the **largest hornet** (<u>wasp</u>) in the world, measuring **up to 2 inches long.**
 - A wasp is a type of insect belonging to the order Hymenoptera, which also includes bees and ants.
 - It has a large, solid yellow or orange head with black eyes. //



- It is native to Asia and was first spotted in Washington state near the Canadian border in 2019.
- It poses a significant threat to insects and native pollinators which can kill an entire beehive (bees habitat) of honeybees in just 90 minutes.
 - It can even **kill people** as it delivers **seven times more venom** than a honey bee and can **sting multiple times**.
- They usually build their nests in forested areas, often in an underground cavity.

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