

YELLOW JACKETS

DESCRIPTION

Yellow Jackets live in colonies which may number thousands of individuals. These beneficial insects would not anger or threaten us except that they have adapted themselves to living very closely with us. They take advantage of us by sometimes nesting in the wall voids and attics of our homes where they can go unnoticed all season. They leave the nest area flying outdoors in search of food. However, in the fall when food becomes scarce and the temperature outdoors cools, they frequently find their way into the living areas of the home. Then they have become a health threat to the home's occupants and must be controlled.

CONTROL

If the nest can be found, control of its residents can be fairly simple. For the aerial nesters, spraying with an insecticide and using a dust formulation together, aids in the destruction of these creatures. The nest may be removed within a few days, if desired. For ground nests or those nests within cavities such as wall voids, stone walls, chimneys, etc., a dust formulation of the insecticide is used. Workers entering the nest will track the dust into the nest and contaminate it, thus killing the entire colony.

