

# WHAT INSECT IS THAT FACTSHEET

We know that it can sometimes be confusing identifying the insects in your garden. Here's a quick look at three common insects that you might find in suburban Melbourne and that we are particularly interested in.



**EUROPEAN HONEY BEE**

Can range in colour from golden to dark brown stripes.  
Collects pollen and nectar from flowers, important for pollination.  
Drinks water from ponds or other standing sources.  
Has a single sting but is not aggressive.



**BLUE BANDED BEE**

Native to Australia.  
Obvious blue colouring.  
Collects pollen and nectar from flowers, important for pollination.  
Drinks water from ponds or other standing sources.  
Can sting but not aggressive.



**EUROPEAN WASP**

Bright yellow with strongly defined black markings.  
Opportunistic predators and scavengers. Commonly attracted to BBQs, picnics and outdoor eating areas.  
Can sting repeatedly and is more aggressive than bees.

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