

European Wasps

Over the past few weeks there has been a noticeable increase in the number of European Wasps and wasp nests across the Snowy Mountains. A number of wasp nests have been destroyed around Thredbo Village and it would be prudent to destroy any wasp nests identified across the Perisher Range Resorts and Charlotte Pass Village. Local wasp attacks have tended to be associated with accidental interference with nests and nest sites and less so by individual animals searching for food.

Whatever the climatic and other environmental factors that have favoured the increase in European Wasps in recent times, there is an expectation that wasp numbers will decline over the next few months with the onset of colder weather. However, should people identify nests during the Easter and school holiday period, or any other time when visiting the resort, please report to NPWS.

Please contact Dave Woods - Environmental Liaison Officer on **0418 689 250** or the NPWS Perisher Valley Office on **64 575214**

Please only report the exact location of nests as NPWS is well aware of the general presence of European Wasps in the area. Whilst some nests of paper-like material may be observed attached to buildings such as under verandahs, eaves and between walls, other nest sites may be concealed underground, in rock walls, in trees or within grass tussocks. In these cases the only sign of a nest is wasps entering or leaving through a small hole.

regards,

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