

Checklist of the Yellowjacket and Paper Wasps of British Columbia 2008

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This list includes 18 species of wasps of the subfamilies Vespinae (yellowjackets and hornets) and Polistinae (paper wasps) of the Family Vespidae (Order Hymenoptera) recorded in British Columbia. Nomenclature follows Carpenter and Kojima (1997) and Buck *et al.* (2008). Akre *et al.* (1980) is now out-of-date with respect to the valid names of BC species, but remains a good source of biological information. Scientific names in parentheses (synonyms) and English names are those used in Akre *et al.* Krombein (1979) is a good source of the older literature.

Subfamily Vespinae (yellowjacket wasps (*Dolichovespula*, *Vespula*), hornets (*Vespa*))

Dolichovespula adulterina (du Buysson) (syn. *D. arctica* (Rohwer))

Dolichovespula alpicola Eck

Dolichovespula arenaria (Fabricius) (Aerial Yellowjacket)

Dolichovespula maculata (Linnaeus) (Bald-faced Hornet)

Dolichovespula norvegica (Fabricius) (syn. *D. albida* (Sladen))

Dolichovespula norvegicoides (Sladen)

Vespa simillima Smith (Adventive species from Asia, not established (Cannings 1989)).

Vespula acadica (Sladen) (Forest Yellowjacket)

Vespula atropilosa (Sladen) (Prairie Yellowjacket)

Vespula austriaca (Panzer)

Vespula consobrina (de Saussure) (Blackjacket)

Vespula germanica (Fabricius) (German Yellowjacket) (Introduced (Gerber 1990))

Vespula pensylvanica (de Saussure) (Western Yellowjacket)

Vespula rufa (Linnaeus) (syn. *V. intermedia* (du Buysson))

Vespula vulgaris (Linnaeus) (Common Yellowjacket)

Subfamily Polistinae (paper wasps)

Mischocyttarus flavitarsis (de Saussure)

Polistes aurifer de Saussure

Polistes dominula (Christ) (Introduced Eurasian species (Borkent and Cannings 2004))

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