



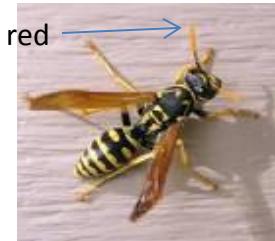
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Wasp Alert!

The European Paper Wasp (*Polistes dominula*) is spreading across the Cape region of South Africa. It has a painful sting and is a predator which could attack our endemic invertebrates.



Common Wasp
(already on the island):
1 – 1.5 cm long,
chunky, wings flat



European Paper Wasp:
2 – 2.5 cm long,
slender, wings stick out

The European Paper Wasp is bigger than our Common Wasp and more slender. It makes flat, papery nests high up, in trees, under roofs or in shipping containers (never in the ground).



Adults on paper nests

If you see this wasp please call Julie Balchin on 24724

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