

Yellow buzzing things



Elm sawflies

If captured, will buzz and thrash legs.
Doesn't even have a stinger.



Horntails

Looks terrifying, but is totally harmless.
Long "stinger" on females is an ovipositor for laying eggs.
Can't sting.



Robber flies

AKA Assassin flies (which is just cool).
Ambushes prey in mid-flight.
Most are dull brown, but others mimic bumble bees.



Bumble bees

Long hairs make them look fuzzy.
Uses long, hairy tongue to feed on nectar.
Females can sting, males can't.



Yellowjackets

Includes hornets. Can have yellow or white stripes.
Important predators of other insects and spiders.
Will sting repeatedly to defend its nest.



European Honey Bee

Introduced to the Yukon as
an agricultural animal.
Dies after stinging because of barbs that
latch into skin and rip out of the bee.



Solitary bees

Many types with different sizes,
shapes and colours.
Some mimic bumble bees but they
live alone or in small groups.
Have no store of honey to protect,
so non-aggressive.
Can sting if handled.



Hover flies

Hover near flowers.
Have a wide diet, including pests.
Most species mimic stinging wasps
or bees, but are harmless.



Parasitic wasps

Large family; some mimic stinging wasps.
Long "stinger" on females is an
ovipositor for laying eggs; can't sting.



Bee flies

Some species are good mimics of fuzzy bees.
Excellent at hovering in place.
Important pollinator.
Harmless; doesn't have a stinger.



Crabronid wasps

Large family of solitary hunting wasps.
Paralyzes prey and flies it back to nest.
More interested in hunting than stinging you.
Very important for pest control in gardens.