



Mud Daubers

Sphecidae or Crabronidae

Mud Daubers are long, slender wasps, usually with black or dark colored wings. Mud Daubers construct nests out of mud, typically on porches, decks, sheds, eaves, attics, ceilings, walls or under roof overhangs around homes and other structures.

They are considered a nuisance, since nests are not defended and stings are incredibly rare. Mud Daubers are solitary wasps, they do not live in colonies. Females construct the nest, while the males forage but never venture far from the nests.

Wasps feed their young with spiders. They find jumping spiders amongst plants, sting and paralyze them and put them inside the mud cell with their larva.

Control

Mud dauber treatment is usually applied with a liquid or dust insecticide. It is placed into cracks and crevices where a wasp might enter to build its nests. For the liquid insecticide, you will need a pressure sprayer.

