

# Mud Daubers

These ants get their common name due to the fact that they make their nests out of mud. They are found throughout the United States.

There are three species of Mud Daubers. In the Pacific NW we have the black-and-yellow mud dauber. They are not social and; therefore, do not live in a colony. Females will construct their nests. She will paralyze a spider and then deposit an egg on top of it, then she will cover it up. In the mud nest she will deposit multiple spider-eggs and it will be about 3-4 inches long. The larva will be developed in about three weeks. It will then spin a silken cocoon, but will not pupate until the following spring.

