

Try detente with bugs, says stinging expert

Leave them alone and they'll leave you alone—that's the word on bees, wasps and other stinging insects from a Michigan State University entomologist.

In most cases, the only time people get stung is when they get too close to the insects' nest," observes Roger Hoopengardner, MSU professor of entomology. "Bees, yellow jackets, wasps and other such insects are usually not aggressive. They will sting to defend their nest—or if you step on them or swat at them—but generally, if you don't bother them, they won't bother you."

The big problem with these insects occurs when they nest in or very near a home or other often-used building.

"It's hard not to get too close, and so defensive behavior can be a real problem," Hoopengardner notes.

Honey bees will sometimes build nests in the walls of buildings. Paper wasps—the ones that build the large, teardrop-shaped, paper-gray nests—and Potter wasps—the ones that construct the three- or four-inch in diameter nest that looks like a "hunch of little tubes side by side—are often found around homes.

A new pest on the home front is the yellow jacket," Hoopengardner notes. "We're not sure, but we think a new species is moving into the area. Unlike the native yellow jacket, which nests in the ground, the new species nests in homes. Because this puts

them in close contact with people, incidents of stinging are getting more common."

Physically, the new yellow jacket is very similar to the resident species. "You have to know what you're looking for and get a lot closer than most people want to get to tell the two apart," the specialist says.

If nesting wasps or bees are posing a problem, take care of it now, Hoopengardner advises. "At this time of year, nests are fairly small and contain only a few individuals," he explains. "There is much less danger to you to control the pests now."

Use an aerosol spray formulated for wasps and bees, he suggests. Find out where the nest is and go after it at night, when wasps and bees cannot see well enough to fly.

"Honey bees in the walls of a house are probably the most difficult control problem," he observes. "In the case of bees, it's often a good idea to call on a professional for help. Wasp and yellow jacket nests, on the other hand are usually fairly easy to get

rid of because their size and populations are much smaller."

If you should happen to get stung, chances are that you'll get over the localized discomfort in a few minutes. Some people are extremely sensitive to stings, however, and may have only 20-30 minutes to get to a doctor or hospital for treatment.

"A first sting does not cause a violent reaction, but it begins the buildup of antibodies that cause later stings to set off the allergic response," Hoopengardner explains. "People with a history of allergies in their family should probably be tested for bee sting allergies if they're going to be in situations where stings are fairly likely. People who know they are sensitive should avoid these kinds of situations as much as possible and undergo a desensitization program under the direction of an allergist."

Stings are more common as the summer progresses, not because the insects get grouchy in hot weather, but because there are more of them around, Hoopengardner says.

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Pajot joins Oakland road board staff

Dennis L. Pajot, an expert in Oakland County and regional affairs, has been appointed to a newly-created staff post in public information for the Oakland County Road Commission.

Pajot, 38, is a former editor for the old Observer Newspapers and spent five years with the Oakland Press before leaving newspapering in 1976 to go into public relations.

In the late 1960s, he was editor of the Redford Observer and then a pioneer in covering regional government. With the Press, he covered county government, regional systems and politics.

In his new post, Pajot will be an assistant to John L. Grubbs, managing director of the road commission. Pajot succeeds John Denman, an independent public relations consultant in Birmingham who was paid annual fees of \$24,000. Denman is retiring. Pajot's salary on staff will be \$23,700.

Grubbs said the road commission concluded, "as has the Citizens Research Council of Michigan in its recommendations for organization of the road commission, that the public information task should remain a high priority."

"Then we considered whether to retain another outside public relations



DENNIS L. PAJOT
Joins road commission

firm or to put the responsibility with a staff person, and we examined proposals from several firms. We also determined that Denman's constant personal attention to road commission needs has been very valuable, and it appeared that a full-time staff person would best be able to continue this advantage."

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