

Digger wasps

Digger wasps, also known as “sand wasps”, can be found in growing numbers in parks, drawn by the presence of loose sand and heat. Their activity is most intense during a few days in July and is characterized by their comings and goings as they dig tunnels to lay their eggs. These tunnels can easily be seen.

Unlike other wasps, diggers are not aggressive and the risk of being stung by one of them is quite low. Until now, no stings have been reported.



There is currently no ecological method for controlling these wasps. Aerating and sifting the sand appear to be the only way of reducing the size of the wasp population. Adding an extra layer of sand in playgrounds could also imprison them.

To avoid being stung, you should always wear shoes in parks and avoid disturbing wasps at work.

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