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## The Party Animal News

### Unusual Pest Problems - Yellow Jackets

#### Rodent Inspections

**If you have not had a Rodent inspection at your home for a while you might consider having one done. With house movement a crack the size of a quarter can allow a rat to enter an attic. If you would like to have the home checked just give us a call and we'll be happy to send someone out to check it over.**

**Clip this offer and present it at the time of service and you will receive 10% off your inspection!**

A lot of the work we do is routine pest prevention. The battle of the bugs is endless because there are more of them and their success on this planet is much longer than that of man.

One day I can walk an area and there are no stinging wasp colonies, but the next day a colony has established itself.

In the old days, 30 to 40 years ago, the typical homeowner bought a product like Chlordane (a chlorinated hydrocarbon) or Dursban (an organophosphate) and sprayed around their home themselves almost every week to keep bugs at bay. The products were not regulated and yes, they would spray that much even though it was not necessary.

Doing so guaranteed no bugs around their house.

Today, many regulations are in place and hopefully homeowners are much more cautious about misusing pesticides. And, we professionals try to look at the control of specific pests when we come to your home..

In the past month I have found yellow jacket colonies at three different homes. If the customer had not been observant and noticed the colony they could have easily been attacked by the colony. These colonies had at least 150 wasps each in them. Yellow jackets are very protective of their colony and will come out and attack if you get too close.

Two of the colonies were in stone walls around patios and one of the colonies was in a hole going into the bricks of a home.

One time, I encountered these wasps after a customer had the outside hole closed up without first treating the wasps and they ended up swarming into an interior room adjacent to the hole. Unfortunately, I got stung on the leg dealing with the situation, which was no fun at all.

If you have this kind of problem remember the colonies should be treated before the holes are plugged. If you see 20-30 wasps flying in an area you probably have a colony near by. Give us a call and we can help.

- David

#### Fabric Pests



This is a word to the wise when it comes to fabric pests. If you notice some damage to your clothes, you may need to investigate further and evaluate your closet for fabric pests. Using moth ball crystals could repel these pests, but if the closet already has an infestation you will need a thorough treatment to control the problem. I encountered one house where easily \$3000-\$4000 worth of clothes were damaged.

At that house, the culprits were actually not clothes moths but carpet beetles. Both can damage clothes and fabrics and I have seen both in clients homes. At that home the one thing I noticed was that a lot of the moths looked like they had come out of the built in HVAC system. So, these particular problems sometimes require more investigation. If you see any possible bugs remember to save a sample for us. Staying vigilant could save you the expense of replacing valuable clothing.

#### Insect of the Quarter:

#### Clothes Moths

- They will produce a cocoon of fragments of its food material
- They feed on hair fiber, woolens, silks, and felt

**If you ever have a possible bug or part of a bug PLEASE save it! That will help us to identify the problem more quickly, target the correct pest and begin treatment sooner.**

*We VALUE our customers!*

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## A-All Friends



**Dr. Ray Thompson**  
IPM Associates

Last quarter we focused our attention on an entomologist who helps us solve problems by identifying insects and other arthropods. This quarter I would like to focus on another entomologist who helps us with consulting and training. I have known Dr. Ray Thompson for years and he has helped me on several occasions solving problems that required a specialist. When it comes to wood boring insects, Dr. Ray is the expert I send my customers to whether it is damage in a house or a piece of furniture. Not only does Dr. Ray consult on various insect issues, he also provides training for technicians to keep them compliant with the Texas Structural Pest Control Service (SPCS) through his company IPM Associates. Many of our technicians have taken his training courses to keep up their certifications.



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