# **Announcement**

The ultimate visual journey into the beautiful and complex world of wasps

#### WASPS

# The Astonishing Diversity of a Misunderstood Insect Eric R. Eaton

Packed with more than 150 incredible colour photos
Includes a wealth of eye-popping infographics
Provides comprehensive treatments of most wasp families
Describes wasp species from all corners of the world
Covers wasp evolution, ecology, physiology, diversity, and
behaviour

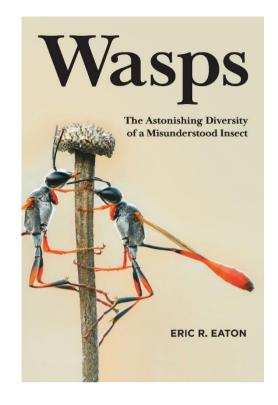
Highlights the positive relationships wasps share with humans and the environment

Wasps are far more diverse than the familiar yellowjackets and hornets that harass picnickers and build nests under the eaves of our homes. These amazing, mostly solitary creatures thrive in nearly every habitat on Earth, and their influence on our lives is overwhelmingly beneficial. Wasps are agents of pest control in agriculture and gardens. They are subjects of study in medicine, engineering, and other important fields. Wasps pollinate flowers, engage in symbiotic relationships with other organisms, and create architectural masterpieces in the form of their nests. This richly illustrated book introduces you to some of the most spectacular members of the wasp realm, colourful in both appearance and lifestyle. From minute fairyflies to gargantuan tarantula hawks, wasps exploit almost every niche on the planet. So successful are they at survival that other organisms emulate their appearance and behaviour. The sting is the least reason to respect wasps and, as you will see, no reason to loathe them, either. Written by a leading authority on these remarkable insects, WASPS reveals a world of staggering variety and endless fascination.

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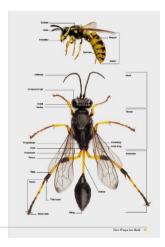
#### How Wasps Are Built

We call other people "spineless" as an insult, but inseruebrates—those animals without backbooes—have done quite well. The most successful insertebrates are the arthropods, of which inserts are the largest subset. Wasps have arguably elevated the insect model to its most efficient and assiluttic designs, both outside and inside.

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