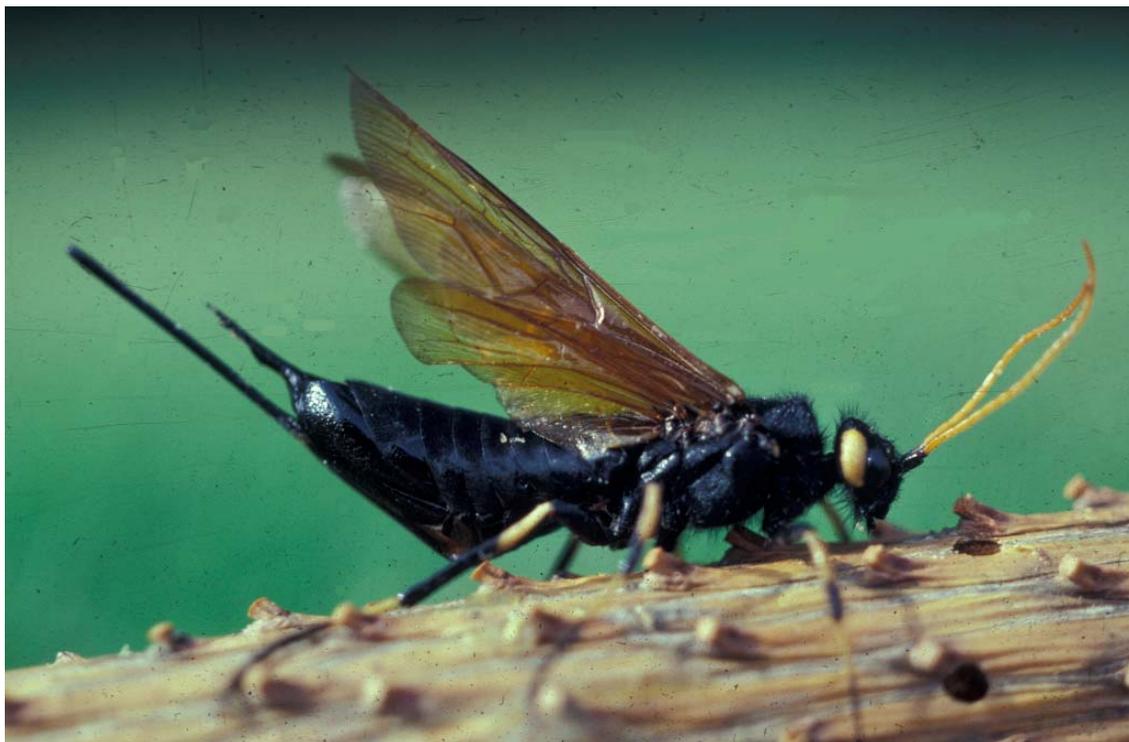


Horntail Wasps

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Horntail wasps are woodboring insects, which generally cause concern when they bore out of wood in a house. The wasps bore in the wood of trees, and though they seldom do great damage to the tree, they may be present in the wood when the tree is cut into lumber. Within a year or so after house construction, horntail wasps may bore out of the infested wood and may even bore through sheetrock and similar materials which are next to the infested wood. Horntails are not structurally damaging unless they emerge in large numbers. They do not attack dry, finished wood, and so they should not reinfest the wood of the house. Horntails may also be brought into the house in firewood. Controls are not suggested.



An adult horntail wasp. By A.L. Antonelli.