



Figure 1 Cicada killer, Photo by Drees

Have you seen any of these?  
*I have gotten calls the past few weeks about sightings of these and that they are the “Murder Hornet” that has some media coverage recently. This (fig 1) is the Cicada killer or Sphecius speciosus. While they look big and scary, do not be alarmed the males are*

*territorial and will dive bomb you and “Buzz the tower” but they are not capable of stinging. Females can sting but are usually not aggressive and reports of stings are rare.*

**Is it an Asian giant hornet or one of the look-alike insects?**

*Vespa mandarinia*  
Asian giant hornet  
Photo credit: Xanthe Shirley, USDA-APHIS

*Vespa mandarinia*  
Asian giant hornet

*Sphecius speciosus*  
Cicada killer

*Sphecius connalis*  
Pacific cicada killer

*Sphecius grandis*  
Western cicada killer

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 With images from USDA-APHIS and others

*I have been sending and suggesting using Figure 2 when in doubt to help with identification.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS, PROGRAMS, MEETINGS

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August 3: Ranchers Agricultural Leasing Workshop: ONLINE

<https://agrillifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=AGEC-002>

August 3 – 5: Beef Cattle Short Course

<https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/>

August 6: Wildfire Preparation, Effects, and Recovery

<https://texasrangewebinars.tamu.edu/webinars/wildfire-preparation-effects-and-recovery/>

August 11: State Fair and Fall Majors Entry Night

Navarro County Extension Office 9:00 am till 5:30 pm

August 11 – August 13: Aggie Beef 706: ONLINE

[https://agrillife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqucqtzpgjH9S-RrEhhJvHqOA6jwjub\\_IX](https://agrillife.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqucqtzpgjH9S-RrEhhJvHqOA6jwjub_IX)

August 17: Generation Next: Our Turn to Ranch, Online Ag Business Start-up School

<https://agrilliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3116?fbclid=IwAR2yJNDcS0FcfwVIZQnsM9x6PAOANbfIJHgdwrVgbofaCcFDw29TxxM29xA>

August 19: The Evolution of Agritourism: Current Legal Issues & Future Trends

<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/webinars/agritourism2020/>

August 21: Forage Webinar

[https://agrillifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/07/20/forage-webinar-aims-to-save-ranchers-money/?fbclid=IwAR29ZOVt6yUK6osYSpI9mZa2\\_HdL6XgpkxTy2EBnPEHeMxZ91AVW1NpP5q8](https://agrillifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/07/20/forage-webinar-aims-to-save-ranchers-money/?fbclid=IwAR29ZOVt6yUK6osYSpI9mZa2_HdL6XgpkxTy2EBnPEHeMxZ91AVW1NpP5q8)

September 4: Navarro County Tire Day

Navarro County Expo Center

September 7: Office Closed

Anytime: Algae and Floating Aquatic Plant Identification and Control

<https://agrillifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=WFSC-003&fbclid=IwAR1R58geZmRz89sgs-GGx7eknCuHTDGPUOwnt3Y1Tnh0zov4B8WiUEe78mk>

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