



NJ Invasive Species
Strike Team

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Strike Team Report June 2020

Community Conference Webinar Series

We had to cancel our second annual Community Conference set for June 7th but we are committed to reach out through a webinar series. This series will be live weekly on Wednesday evenings starting June 17 from 7-8pm. We will be using Zoom to host our series, while also providing all attendees with a recording of the meeting. There is a small fee of \$5 per webinar to help us reach our 2020 fundraising goals. Please register for individual webinars or the full series using the link below. Speakers will cover topics including invasive species control, local Strike Teams, deer impacts and management as well as using native species in home landscapes.

June Series Schedule

June 17

The Link Between Deer and Invasive Plants
By: Mike Van Clef, Ph.D. (FoHVOS Strike Team)

June 24

How to Become a Management Hunter
By: Brian Kubin and Mike Bellaus (Duke Farms/ FoHVOS Strike Team)

July 1

Creating & Participating in Local Strike Teams
By: Betty Ann Kelly (Union County)

[Register Here!](#)

[Webinar Summaries](#)

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Hello Everyone --

I'm sorry we will need to scale back this year's Strike Team Conference. As you may be aware, the annual conference has been our sole source of local fundraising. If you feel the Strike Team is a valuable resource to New Jersey,

please consider making a tax deductible donation by clicking [here](#).

Stay Safe and Healthy. Mask Up!

- Lisa Wolff, FoHVOS Executive Director

Live and Learn

With the help of our exceptional Technical Advisory Committee, we completed our annual species review and prepared our [2020 species list](#) as well as our updated [Do Not Plant List](#). In addition, please consider signing our [Landscape Planting Pledge](#).

A New and Eye-Popping Invasive: Murder Hornets



Sphecus sp.
cicada killer



Spheg ichneumoneus
great golden digger wasp



Vespa crabro
European hornet
(does not occur in WA)



Cimbex americana
elm sawfly



Vespa mandarinia
Asian giant hornet



Vespa pensylvanica
western yellowjacket



Polistes dominula
European paper wasp



Apis mellifera
western honey bee



Dolichovespula maculata
bald-faced hornet



Tremex columba
pigeon tremex



Bombus flavifrons
yellow head bumble bee

The most newsworthy new find is the Asian Giant Hornet (a.k.a. Murder Hornets – yikes!) recently found in Washington state. This species is also aggressive when provoked and its sting does kill a small number of people annually in Asia. A similar species has dramatically reduced honeybees in Europe. To learn more, visit the [Washington State Invasive Species Council](#). We have received a number of reports that turned out to be European Hornets or Cicada Killers, two relatively common species in New Jersey. Check out the

illustration above... if you thought our two common large wasps were big, think again! We appreciate all of your reports, please send any suspicious findings to us at info@fohvos.org.

Volunteer with us!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

The NJ Invasive Species Strike Team is the organization for you!

Visit our sign up genius below to share your interests with us.

Contact lhovath@fohvos.org for more information.

I'm Interested!

The Strike Team needs your help to fight invasive species throughout New Jersey. By making a membership donation, you directly fund our efforts to keep invasive species at bay and protect our native plants and wildlife. Donate through the link below!

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