



The social European hornet (*Vespa crabro germana*) was **introduced from Eurasia** to New York in the mid-1800s and is now found in the eastern half of the United States. It is pictured feeding on a bumble bee that it hunted on [\*Eutrochium dubium\*](#) (three-nerved Joe-pye-weed), but it also eats other bees, yellow jackets, flies, and butterflies, as well as fallen fruit and plant sap. Its paper nests are found in concealed hollows (in trees, walls, attics, etc.). All nest dwellers die in winter, and only the new queen survives.

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