

WARNING: WE ARE SERIOUSLY OUTNUMBERED



SERIOUS PAIN
Asian giant
hornet

SIZE: 2 in (5 cm)

FAMILY: Vespidae

HABITAT: Forests and, increasingly, cities

DISTRIBUTION: Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, and other areas throughout Asia

MEET THE RELATIVES: Asian giant hornets are related to other hornets, which are distinguished from wasps by their larger heads and more rounded abdomens. The European hornet, *Vespa crabro*, delivers a nasty sting when disturbed, but it is no deadlier than the sting of any other hornet.



DEADLY CREATURE
mosquito

Only female mosquitoes feed on blood.



TERRIBLE THREAT
chigoe flea

Men in Columbus's crew cut off their own toes, so desperate were they to rid themselves of this terrible infestation.

DEADLY CREATURE
tsetse fly



SIZE: 1/4-1/2 in (6-13 mm)

FAMILY: Glossinidae

HABITAT: Rain forests, savanna woodlands, and thickets

DISTRIBUTION: Africa, particularly in the south

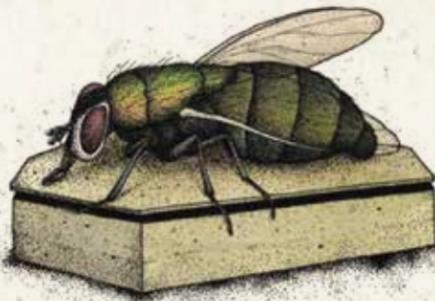
MEET THE RELATIVES: There are about twenty-five species of tsetse flies, and they make up the entire Glossinidae family.

EVERYDAY DANGER
cockroach

Katsaridaphobia:
Fear of
cockroaches



DESTRUCTIVE PEST
corpse eaters



A book called **THE WASHING AWAY OF WRONGS**, written in China in 1235, described how an infestation of flies on a corpse could provide clues in a crime investigation.

SERIOUS PAIN
bombardier
beetle



The insect fires repeatedly, like an automatic weapon, ejecting five hundred to one thousand blasts per second at its attacker.

DEADLY CREATURE
assassin bug



The
assassin
bug's

preference for feeding around the mouth of its victim has earned it the nickname "kissing bug." Unfortunately, it can be the kiss of death.

EVERYDAY DANGER
body lice



SIZE: 1/16-1/8 in (2-3 mm)

FAMILY: Pediculidae

HABITAT: Clothing and human skin

DISTRIBUTION: Worldwide from tropical regions to the Arctic Circle

MEET THE RELATIVES: Body lice are closely related to head lice, which also feed on human blood.

WICKED BUGS

**THE MEANEST, DEADLIEST,
GROSSEST BUGS ON EARTH**

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