

# Whatfor art thou, Gadfly?

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Gadfly, while you are MIA, please refresh your entomology. Your profile picture appears to be a bald-faced hornet. I was stung myself last year by a BFH and still bear the scars. What is this mask, Gadfly? Perhaps a subliminal mistake? (From Wikiwasp) Bald-faced hornets are omnivorous, and are considered to be beneficial due to their predation of flies, caterpillars, and spiders. However, their aggressively defensive nature makes them a threat to humans who wander too close to a nest or when a nest is constructed too close to human habitation. They vigorously defend the nest, with workers stinging repeatedly, as is common among social bees and wasps. However, the baldfaced hornet has a unique defense in that it can squirt or spray venom from the stinger into the eyes of vertebrate nest intruders. The venom causes immediate watering of the eyes and temporary blindness.[6]

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*Gadfly admits that the extent of his knowledge is 9 uses of the comma. He admits to impostature here and accepts retributive punishment from the good doctor. He just couldn't find a suitable picture of the real thing. Are there entomological followers who can help Gadfly set the visual story straight?*

