

Latin name : **Sceliphron**
Size : 20 mm

Mud dauber

This is a solitary wasp species that builds nests from a variety of materials, usually mud, sometimes mixed with small minerals or even chewed plant debris. Some form pots, others long "organ pipe" type tubes. They line them exclusively with spiders, which their larvae feed on to grow.



Most wasps are solitary, while a few are social (such as the paper wasp). In most solitary species, each adult female lives and reproduces independently. Some solitary wasps nest in small groups alongside other individuals of their species, but each is involved in caring for its own offspring. There are a few solitary wasp species that build communal nests, each insect having its own cell and providing food for its own offspring, but these wasps do not adopt the division of labour and complex behavioural patterns adopted by social species.