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The social European paper wasp (*Polistes dominula*), seen feeding on [Monarda punctata](#) (spotted beebalm), **was introduced near Boston from Eurasia** in the late 1970s and has since become invasive across the United States, outcompeting and causing the decline of native *Polistes*. The adult European paper wasp feeds on floral nectar and other sugary liquids and is well adapted to urban areas where it makes its open-comb nests near human structures. (All nest dwellers die in winter, and only the new queen survives.) To feed its developing larvae, it preys not only on pests like the cabbage white but on native butterflies like monarchs, perhaps aiding the decline of butterfly populations. According to entomologist [Whitney Cranshaw](#), European paper wasp "is devastating to essentially all species of yard and garden Lepidoptera."