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The gold-marked thread-waisted **wasp** (*Eremnophila aureonotata*), pictured on [*Pycnanthemum muticum*](#) (mountain mint), is a solitary, predatory wasp found in North America as far west as Texas and south to Costa Rica. Some pollen is transferred to it as it feeds on nectar. Females dig burrows in which to lay their eggs. Each is provisioned with one large caterpillar, usually of an owlet or sphinx moth, paralyzed by their stingers.