



Potter **wasp** (*Eumenes fraternus*), pictured on [*Pycnanthemum muticum*](#) (mountain mint), is a solitary, predatory wasp found in eastern North America. Some pollen is transferred to it as it feeds on nectar. Females use mud to build their nests, which resemble tiny clay pots, on vegetation or near windows or other manmade structures. Before laying her eggs, she uses her stinger to paralyze caterpillars, with which she provisions each pot so that each larva will have food to eat when it hatches.

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