

Sphex ichneumoneus

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Sphex ichneumoneus, known commonly as the **great golden digger wasp** or **great golden sand digger** is a wasp in the family Sphecidae. It is identified by the golden pubescence on its head and thorax, its reddish orange legs, and partly reddish orange body. This wasp is native to the Western Hemisphere, from Canada to South America, and provisions its young with various types of paralyzed Orthoptera.^[1]

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Scientific classification

Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Arthropoda
Class:	Insecta
Order:	Hymenoptera
Suborder:	Apocrita
Superfamily:	Apoidea
Family:	Sphecidae
Subfamily:	Sphecinae
Tribe:	Sphecini
Genus:	<i>Sphex</i>
Species:	<i>S. ichneumoneus</i>

Binomial name

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(Linnaeus, 1758)