

A Bug's Life

Fun facts

- Called flower flies or syrphid flies
- Over 100 species in US
- Larvae are predaceous, eat aphids
- Adults feed on nectar and pollen
- Can hover in mid-air, land on people but do not sting or bite



Identification

Larva: Legless with yellowish stripe down back

Adult: Mimic bee or wasp with yellow and black coloration, clear wings, various sizes and shapes



Hoverflies

Family: Syrphidae

Management

- None recommended
- Beneficial insect and pollinator

Notes

- Flies have only 2 wings, short antennae, large eyes, and possess no stinger



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