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## Braconids

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Braconids are small black, orange, or yellow wasps that prey on aphids and lepidopteran larvae, such as codling moth and leafroller. Adults are usually less than 10mm; more than 100 known species.



A braconid wasp parasitizing codling moth eggs.

## Additional information

- About **natural enemies** (from *Fruit Crop Ecology and Management*)
- More about **braconids** (From **Identifying natural enemies**)
- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides: **Michigan Fruit Management Guide**
- **A Practical Guide to Scouting Apple Orchards** – a DVD showing how to scout apple orchards.
- **MSU Diagnostic Services** for assistance in pest identification.
- **MSU Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert** newsletters for current pest/crop conditions.

This information was developed from **A Pocket Guide for IPM Scouting in Michigan Apples** by David Epstein, Larry J. Gut and George W. Sundin. Purchase this in a pocket-sized guide for reference in the orchard from **MSU Extension** (publication E-2720).

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