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Syrphid fly adults resemble bees, but have one pair of wings. They have the habit of hovering in the air (hover flies).



Syrphid fly larva are usually greenish, legless maggots, rounded at the rear, and tapering to a point at the head (5-10 mm). Found in aphid colonies.

Additional information

- About **natural enemies** (from *Fruit Crop Ecology and Management*)
- More about **syrphid flies** (From **Identifying natural enemies**)
- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides: **Michigan Fruit Management Guide**
- **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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