

Tachinid fly

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Adults: Dark, robust, hairy. Resemble houseflies, but with very stout bristles at the tip of the abdomen.

Length: 3-14 mm



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Eggs: White, oval. Deposited near, on or in the host insect.

Larvae (maggots): Legless. Feed and develop inside the prey hosts. Exit the dead host to pupate.

Pupae: Oblong. Dark reddish.

Diet: Immature beetles, butterflies, moths, sawflies, earwigs, grasshoppers or true bugs. Adults are nectar feeders.