Tachinid fly
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**Adults:** Dark, robust, hairy. Resemble house-flies, but with very stout bristles at the tip of the abdomen.

Length: 3-14 mm

![Photo: Bruce Martin, http://cirrusimage.com/](image)

**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, saw-flies, earwigs, grasshoppers or true bugs. Adults are nectar feeders.