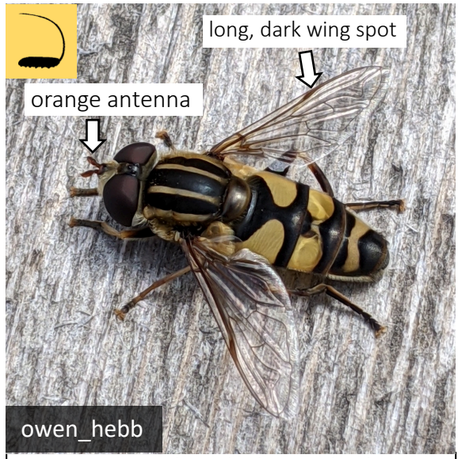
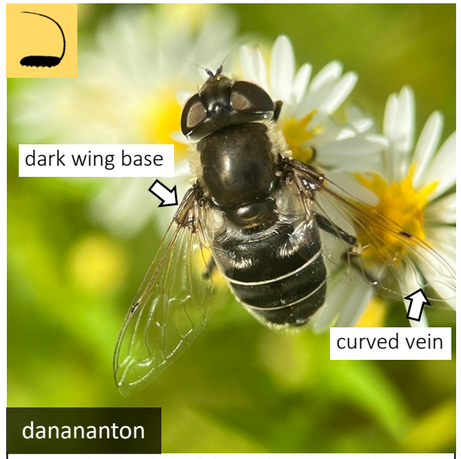
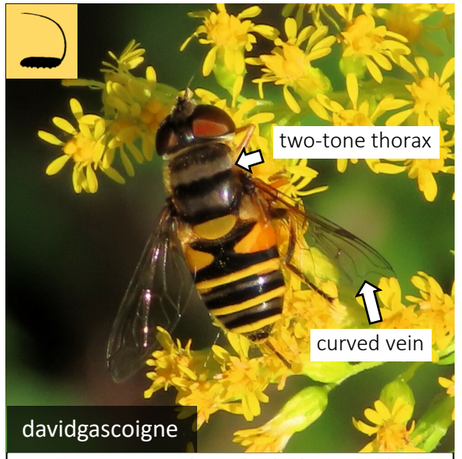


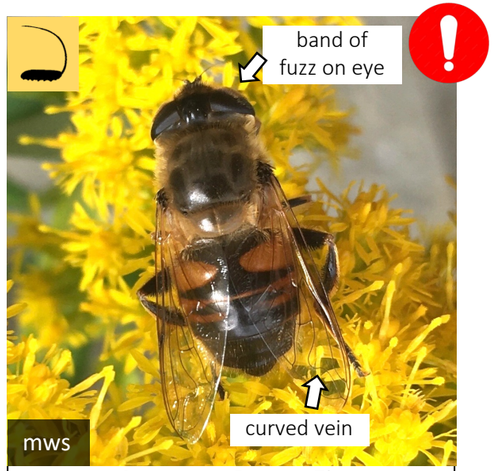
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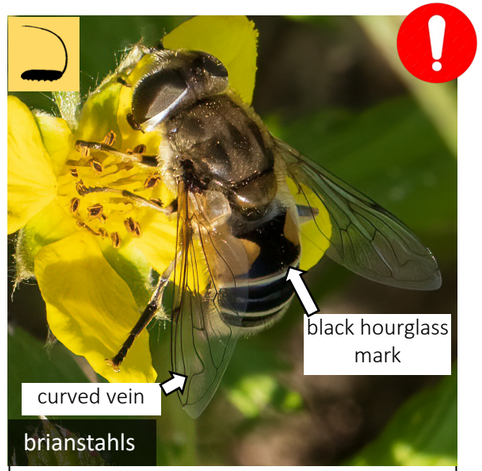
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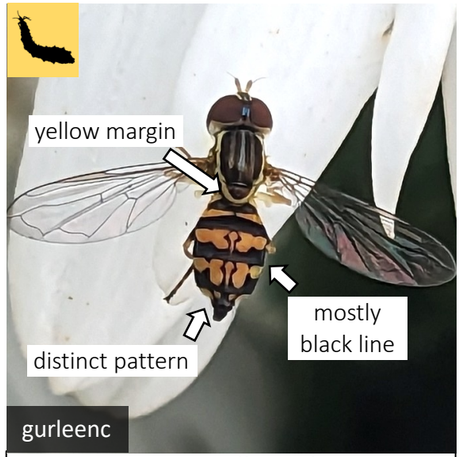
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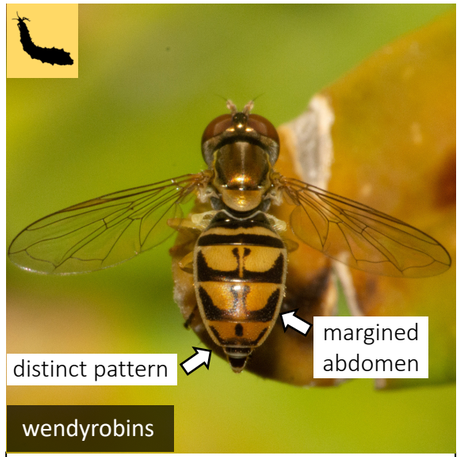
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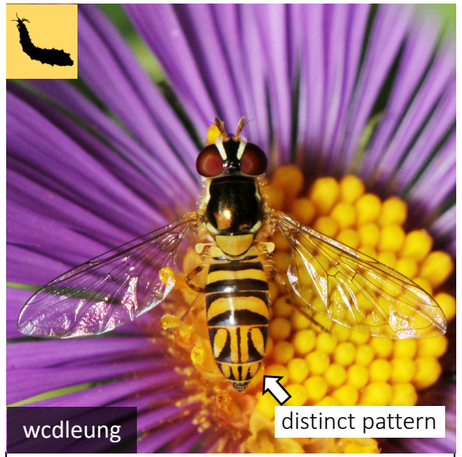
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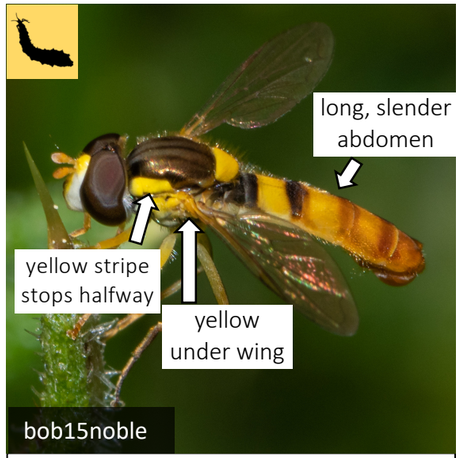
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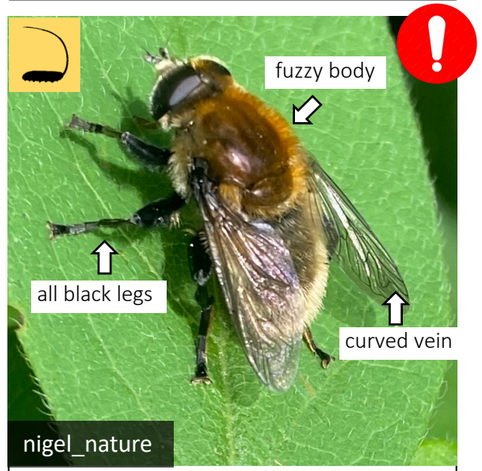
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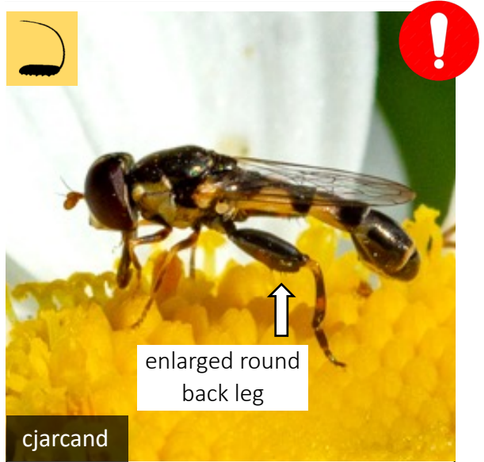
Oblique Stripetail
Allograpta obliqua



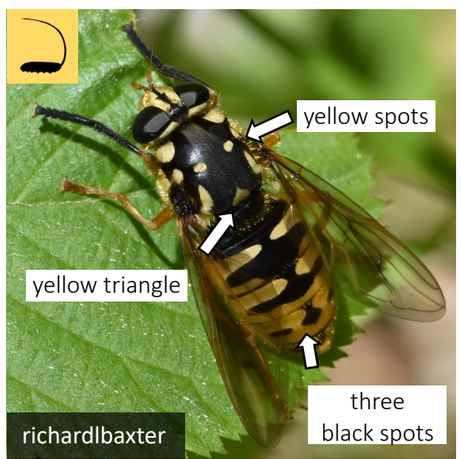
Tufted Globetail
Sphaerophoria contigua



Narcissus Bulb Fly
Merodon equestris



Thick-legged Hoverfly
Syritta pipens



Wasp-like Falsehorn
Temnostoma alternans



Oblique-banded Pond Fly
Sericomyia chrysotoxoides

Common Adult Flower Flies

Also known as hoverflies for their hovering flight, flower flies are an important group of pollinators. Despite being excellent bee and wasp mimics, they cannot sting or bite. They can be found in most habitats.

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Introduced

Long-tailed larvae

Predatory larvae

Pollination Guelph

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Long-tailed Aphideater
Eupeodes americanus



Short-tailed Aphideater
Eupeodes pomus



Oblique Stripetail
Allograpta obliqua



Tufted Globetail
Sphaerophoria contiqua



Many-tufted Sedgesitter
Platycheirus scutatus



Common Flower Fly
Syrphus ribesii



Yellow-legged Flower Fly
Syrphus rectus



Eastern Flower Fly
Syrphus knabi



Smoothtail
Epistrophe sp.



Slender Smoothtail
Epistrophella emarginata



Dusky-winged Hover Fly
Ocyptamus fuscipennis



Eastern Calligrapher
Toxomerus geminatus



Hairy-eyed Halfband
Melangyna lasiopthalma

Flower Fly Larvae

Larvae in the subfamily Syrphinae are predacious, feeding on soft-bodied insects like aphids. They have no eyes, no legs, and a pair of fused breathing tubes. They can be found in proximity to aphid colonies in different habitats.

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