

clubbed mydas fly

Mydas clavatus

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Diptera
Family: Mydidae

ILLINOIS STATUS
common, native

FEATURES

This large (about one inch in length), black fly has an orange-to-red band on its abdomen. The antennae have four segments, and the furthest segment from the body is enlarged. The tarsi have two pads. The top of the head has a depression between the eyes.

BEHAVIORS

The larvae live in soil or decaying wood and eat the larvae of scarab beetles. Adults feed on flower nectar. Found statewide, this species is a mimic of spider wasps. It lives in woodlands, fields and gardens.



ILLINOIS RANGE



adult



adult



adult



Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge