

green soldier fly

Odontomyia cincta

FEATURES

The green soldier fly has three-segmented antennae with the third segment (furthest from the body), rounded or elongated in shape. Its abdomen is black with green-yellow bands.

BEHAVIORS

This species is found statewide in fields and woodlands, usually near water. The adults eat flower nectar. Eggs are laid on the edge of a water body, and the larvae develop in water, feeding on algae.

TAXONOMY

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





adult



adult



adult



adult

Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests; lakes, ponds and reservoirs; rivers and streams; swamps; wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge