

Aphid predatory midge

Cecidomyiidae, *Aphidoletes aphidimyza*

Adults: Fragile, mosquito-like long legs. Active at night and so rarely seen.

Eggs: Minute (less than 0.3 mm), oval and orange. Laid singly on leaves among aphid colonies.



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Length: 2-3 mm ■ 2 mm

Larvae (maggots): Tiny (less than 3 mm long) and orange. Narrow toward the head and tail.

Pupae: When ready to pupate, larvae drop to the ground and spin cocoons in the soil.

Diet: Many species of aphids.



Aphid predatory midge larva eating an aphid.