

Friend!

Syrphid Fly (Hover Fly)



The Syrphid fly feeds on nectar-rich flowers such as dill, cilantro, sweet alyssum, and yarrow.

Larvae are voracious aphid eaters! You can identify larvae by a faint line on back.



She lays her eggs among the aphid larvae.



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