

# APHIDOLETES

Larvae of the *Aphidoletes* gall midge are aphid predators, attacking over 60 pest species. When aphids are plentiful, larvae attack and kill more aphids than they eat. They inject poison into the aphid, suck out the body contents, leaving a shriveled brown carcass. They do not bite. Adults (0.1 in long) are inactive during the day and swarm at night. Some are temperature or light-sensitive, which limits their use at certain times of the year.



Adult gall midge

Species commercially available:  
*Aphidoletes aphidimyza*

