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*

Tiny oval, reddish-orange eggs are laid near aphid colonies.

Life Cycle
3-4 weeks

Tiny mosquito-like adults have long legs and antennae.

Larvae are reddish-orange soft-bodied maggots.

Midges pupate in the top layer of the soil in cocoons covered with grains of soil. They overwinter as pupae.

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