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## MELON FRUIT FLY\*



*B. cucurbitae* male

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**Names/Aliases:** Melon fruit fly (*Bactrocera cucurbitae*)

**Last Known Address:** Widely distributed in the Oriental region and neighboring islands. Found also in East Africa, Mauritius, Reunion, Iran, and Hawaii.

**Field ID:** Melon fruit fly is slightly larger than a housefly. It has an orange-brown thorax with yellow stripes. Wings with prominent pattern of dark marks. Larvae (maggots) are creamy white, legless with cylindrical bodies narrowed at the anterior end. They develop inside the fruit, flowers, and stems of host plants and enter the soil to pupate.

### CAUTION

Melon fruit fly damage was recorded on over 125 plant species. A serious pest of *Cucurbitaceae* (cucumber, melon, pumpkin, squash, etc.), it may also attack avocado, fig, quince, mango, papaya, tomato, pepper, etc.



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<http://acwm.lacounty.gov/scripts/pestpdf.htm>



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\* If you see this villain please notify your local Agricultural Commissioner's Office!