

# Mexican fruit fly

## (*Anastrepha ludens*)

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- ❑ Native of Mexico; distributed also in Mesoamerica, northern South America, and the lower Rio Grande Valley area of southern Texas; has entered CA periodically. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) operates control and eradication programs in cooperation with State officials, and with Mexico in order to suppress the pest in northern Mexico.
- ❑ Hosts: Grapefruit; Orange; Peach; Pear; Apple; Apricot; White sapote; Mango; Avocado; Nectarine; Plum; Prune; Tangerine; as well as other fruits.
- ❑ Field ID: Adults about 8 mm long, green eyes, transparent wings with distinctive 'V' markings, and a yellowish-brown body with dark specks. Females have a very long (3.3-4.7 mm) telescopic ovipositor.

