

WANTED!

MEXICAN FRUIT FLY*



Names/Aliases: Mexican fruit fly (*Anastrepha ludens*)

Last Known Address: Widely distributed from southern Texas to Costa Rica.

Field ID: *A. ludens* is relatively larger than a housefly. It has yellowish-brown body and prominent pale yellow banded wings. Female has a characteristic long ovipositor and sheath (oviscape). Larvae (maggots) are legless, creamy white with cylindrical bodies narrowed at the head end. They develop inside the fruit and later move into the soil to pupate.

CAUTION

Mexican fruit fly has been recorded from more than 60 plant species, including most *Citrus* species, avocado, apple, cherimoya, mango, pear, peach, pomegranate, quince, sapote, and others. Maggots feed inside the fruit making it unfit for consumption.



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



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