FLIES (Diptera)

With only 1 pair of wings (most other insects have 2 pairs).

Suborder Brachycera

Antennae with 5 or fewer (usually 3) segments, and rarely aristate; Rs nearly always 3-branched; anal cell generally long, usually closed near wing margin.

ROBBER FLIES, Family Asilidae Long-legged, with thorax stout and abdomen usually long and tapering; top of head hollowed out between eyes; tarsi with 2 pads;

a. Diognites neoternatus Bromley; e. U.S.

b. Laphria sacrator Walker; se. Canada, ne. U.S.

HORSE and DEER FLIES, Family Tabanidae p. 274 Stout-bodied, often large; 3rd antennal segment elongate and subdivided; tarsi with 3 pads; calypters large. DEER FLY, Chrysops vittatus Wiedemann; e. U.S.

BEE FLIES, Family Bombyliidae p. 278 Stout-bodied, round-headed, often with patterned wings; 3rd antennal segment not subdivided; tarsi with 2 pads; 3 or 4 posterior cells; anal cell often open. Anthrax tigrinus (De Geer); U.S.

MYDAS FLIES, Family Mydidae Large flies; black, often with an orange band on abdomen; antennae 4-segmented, last segment swollen; 1 ocellus or none; tarsi with 2 pads; M1 ends in front of wing tip. Mydas clavatus (Drury); N. America.

LONG-LEGGED FLIES, Family Dolichopodidae Small, usually metallic; Rs 2-branched; r-m cross vein in basal 1/4 of wing or absent; anal cell small or absent; or genitalia often large and folded forward under abdomen. Dolichopus longipennis Loew; N. America.

Suborder Cyclorrhapha

Antennae 3-segmented, aristate; Rs 2-branched.

SYRPHID FLIES, Family Syrphidae Generally beelike or wasplike, often brightly colored; spurious vein nearly always present; R₅ cell closed; anal cell long, closed near wing margin; proboscis short, fleshy.

a. Syrphus torvus Osten Sacken; N. America.

b. Allograpta obliqua (Say); N. America.

