

# clubbed mydas fly

## *Mydas clavatus*

### FEATURES

This large (about one inch in length), black fly has an orange-to-red band on its abdomen. The antennae have four segments, and the furthest segment from the body is enlarged. The tarsi have two pads. The top of the head has a depression between the eyes.

### BEHAVIORS

The larvae live in soil or decaying wood and eat the larvae of scarab beetles. Adults feed on flower nectar. Found statewide, this species is a mimic of spider wasps. It lives in woodlands, fields and gardens.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Arthropoda  
Class: Insecta  
Order: Diptera  
Family: Mydidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE









adult

### **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests

### **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; edge