

# Noon-fly

## *Mesembrina meridiana*

### **Identification:**

It is a very handsome fly, shiny black on the body, with orange flashes on the wings and a striking gold face. The combination of these characters is unique, though other flies may show them individually.



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<http://www.commanster.eu/commanster/Insects/Flies/SpFlies/mesembrina.meridiana2.jpg>.

### **Distribution:**

The Noon-fly seems to be confined largely to the Great Glen and Moray Firth in Highland. Blue <2009, green 2009 on.

### **When to look for it:**

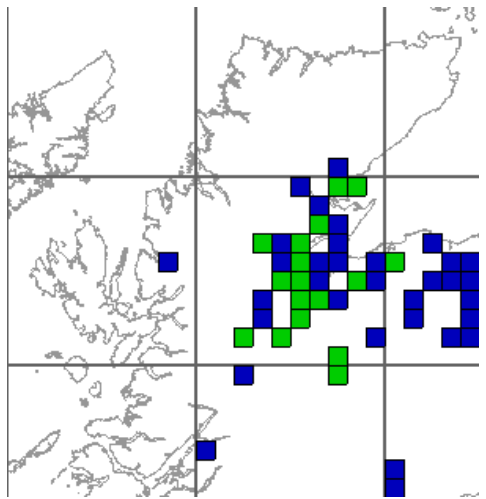
May to November, but mainly from July to September. See graph below.

### **Similar Species:**

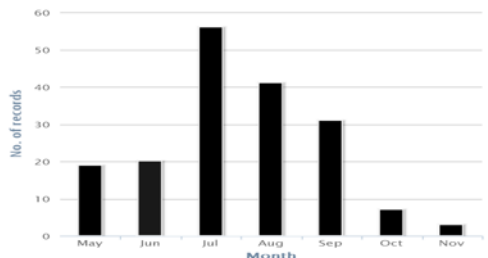
The Bumblebee Fly *Tachina grossa* has yellow on the wings, but is less shiny and very bristly, with small eyes on a mainly yellow head. The blowfly *Cynomya mortuorum* has much yellow on the head, but the abdomen is bluish and it lacks the yellow on the wings.

### **Notes:**

The Noon-fly breeds in dung, where it associates with other dung-feeding flies, but is usually found basking on sunlit tree-trunks and similar sites.



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