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Re: Caddis?

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The larvae you found on the stick are simuliidae larvae and no relation to the "black flies" that you are referring to. I'm not aware of any terrestrial flies used in gypsy moth control. There is a parasitic wasp belonging to the Braconidae family that parasitizes gypsy moth egg masses. But like I said the simuliidae larvae on your stick are not involved in gypsy moth control nor have they ever been "released". PA has one of the largest black fly control programs in the world. I have been involved in the PA gypsy moth suppression program since 2001 and have never heard of any dipteran released for control purposes since then.