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Look familiar?

These are tachinid flies. They don't bite, but there's so many, they just drive you nuts. Nothing in the way of repellents seems to work on them. 100% Deet has no effect whatsoever on them.

I was told by relatives that live up there that they were released to control the tent caterpillar infestation. They're a parasitic fly that lay eggs on the caterpillars, and the fly larva feed on their host, which kills it.

Here's a link about it: [Tachinid Flies](#)

I also read that tachinid flies are not available commercially - they must be purchased by a government agency.

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