

## Ten common and easily identified hoverflies



### ***Episyrphus balteatus*.**

Easily identified by the unique double black bands on tergites 3 & 4. These, however, are highly variable.



### ***Rhingia campestris*.**

Long snout and black stripe along the side of the abdomen make it instantly identifiable.



### ***Leucozona lucorum*.**

Conspicuous black cloud in the centre of wings and large yellow quadrate spots on tergite 2. Can resemble ***Volucella pellucens*** but latter has a black scutellum.



### ***Volucella pellucens*.**

Only large black hoverfly with most of tergite 1 white. Only other slightly similar species is ***Leucozona lucorum***, which has a yellow scutellum.



### ***Baccha elongata*.**

Very easy to identify - no other British hoverfly has such an elongated, very slender waisted shape.



### ***Myathropa florea*.**

Characteristic black patch on top of thorax partially bisected by whitish bars ('Batman' mark).



### ***Xylota segnis*.**

Elongate body shape, orange-red abdomen marking and partially yellow legs make it distinct from other hoverflies.



### ***Eristalis tenax*.**

Broad vertical black facial stripe, vertical eye strip and distinctly enlarged and curved hind tibia separate it from other *Eristalis*.



### ***Eristalis pertinax*.**

Narrow facial stripe, orange-yellow front and middle tarsi and a rather triangular end to abdomen distinguish it from other *Eristalis*.



### ***Helophilus pendulus*.**

Striped thorax and dark face stripe. Hind tibia is at least half pale unlike another *Helophilus*. Both female and male eyes are separated.