

Encouraging News About the Japanese Beetle!

While Japanese beetles have been popping up more and more in our gardens in the past few days, here in Rosemère we are noticing the presence of a number of beetles that appear to be parasitized by eggs of the *Istocheta aldrichi* fly. This small fly, a natural predator of the Japanese beetle in its native country, lays its eggs on the insect's thorax and quickly kills the insect in this way.

If you catch Japanese beetles at home, take note that it can be useful to leave parasitized beetles on plants to help the population of this small predatory fly. Although the fly may not be able to control the entire Japanese beetle population, its presence to reduce the number of these beetles is encouraging!

Many small umbelliferous flowers (coriander, dill, parsley, etc.), cruciferous flowers (mustard) and asteraceae flowers (daisy, chamomile, etc.) help attract the fly to your gardens.

