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New Fruit Fly Species *Euphranta undulata*

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- A new fruit fly species, *Euphranta undulata*, was recently discovered in the Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya.
- Etymology: The name, *undulata*, derives from the Latin word for "wavy," referring to the wavy margin of the female aculeus tip (*the pointed part of the egg-laying ovipositor*).
- Physical Traits: It is a slender-bodied insect with a brown or grey abdomen and patterned hyaline (transparent) wings.
- Ecological Niche: Native to the bamboo ecosystem of Northeast India, it is frugivorous (fruit-eating) and monophagous (feeding on a single type of food).

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