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## Common Firefly

*Photinus pyralis*

The common firefly, also known as the lightning bug, is a nocturnal beetle renowned for its ability to produce light through bioluminescence. These insects are most active during warm summer evenings...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Lampyridae

**Habitat:** Moist meadows, forests, and near freshwater sources

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 years (including larval stage)

**Weight:** 0.01-0.03 grams

**Scientific name:** *Photinus pyralis*

### Did you know?

- Some firefly larvae can glow underground, deterring predators even before they emerge as adults.
- Fireflies use distinct light patterns to identify their species and attract mates. Their bioluminescent glow is produced by a chemical reaction invol...

### What I learned

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