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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common housefly

Musca domestica

The common housefly is a small, widespread insect found in human dwellings across the globe. It is easily recognized by its gray thorax with four dark longitudinal stripes and slightly hairy body, me…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Muscidae
Habitat: Human habitations, farms, and areas with decaying organic matter
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-30 days
Weight: 8-12 mg
Scientific name: Musca domestica

Did you know?

- Houseflies can carry and transmit over 100 different pathogens, including bacteria, viruses, and parasites, simply by landing on surfaces or food.
- Houseflies can beat their wings up to 200 times per second. They have taste receptors on their feet, allowing them to sample food simply by landing o…

What I learned

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