

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
