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Animal Fact Sheet

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Firebrat

Thermobia domestica

The firebrat is a small, wingless insect known for its elongated, carrot-shaped body covered in silvery scales. It thrives in warm, humid environments, often seeking out areas near ovens, boilers, an…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Lepismatidae
Habitat: Warm indoor environments, especially near heat sources
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-5 years
Weight: 5-15 milligrams
Scientific name: Thermobia domestica

Did you know?

- Firebrats are among the few insects that thrive in human homes year-round, often living close to hot water pipes or furnaces.
- Firebrats can survive in temperatures up to 45°C (113°F). Their bodies are covered in fine, silvery scales that help protect them from desiccation. U…

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