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Animal Fact Sheet

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Green bottle fly

Lucilia sericata

The green bottle fly is a striking metallic-green insect commonly found around decaying organic matter and in urban areas. As a member of the blow fly family, it plays an essential ecological role in…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Calliphoridae
Habitat: Urban areas, grasslands, forests, and near decaying organic matter
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2 to 6 weeks
Weight: 10–15 mg
Scientific name: Lucilia sericata

Did you know?

- Forensic scientists use the life cycle of green bottle flies to estimate the time of death in criminal investigations.
- Green bottle fly larvae are used in maggot therapy to clean wounds by consuming dead tissue. Adults are important pollinators for some plants, especi…

What I learned

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