

Animal Fact Sheet

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Mayfly

Ephemera danica

The mayfly is a delicate aquatic insect known for its exceptionally short adult lifespan, often lasting only a few hours to a few days. Its slender body, translucent wings, and long, threadlike tails...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate**Family:** Ephemeridae**Habitat:** Freshwater streams and rivers**Diet:** Herbivore (larvae); non-feeding (adults)**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 1-3 years (nymph stage), a few hours to a few days (adult)**Weight:** 0.01–0.03 grams**Scientific name:** *Ephemera danica*

Did you know?

- Some mayfly species' entire adult lives last less than 24 hours, making them some of the shortest-lived animals on Earth.
- Mayflies are unique in that their adult form does not eat, as their sole purpose is to reproduce. They are the only insects to have a fully winged pr...

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