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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mayfly

Ephemera danica

Mayflies (order Ephemeroptera) are the oldest winged insects still alive, a lineage stretching back over 300 million years, and they retain an anatomical feature no other living insect has: they moul…

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.
- Mayfly swarms in Wisconsin have appeared on National Weather Service radar as a returning green mass and have caused car accidents by making bridge s…

What I learned

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