

Animal Fact Sheet

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Pallid Bat Flea

Myodopsylla pallida

The Pallid Bat Flea is a specialized ectoparasite that primarily infests pallid bats (*Antrozous pallidus*) in North America. This small, wingless insect features a laterally compressed body and strong...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Ischnopsyllidae

Habitat: Roosts of pallid bats in caves, mines, and rock crevices

Diet: Carnivore (Hematophagous)

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: Several weeks to a few months

Weight: 1-3 mg

Scientific name: *Myodopsylla pallida*

Did you know?

- Unlike many flea species, the pallid bat flea is almost exclusively found on a single bat species, making it a highly specialized parasite.
- Pallid bat fleas are so specialized that they rarely survive away from their host bat. Their life cycle is closely synchronized with the roosting and...

What I learned
