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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

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