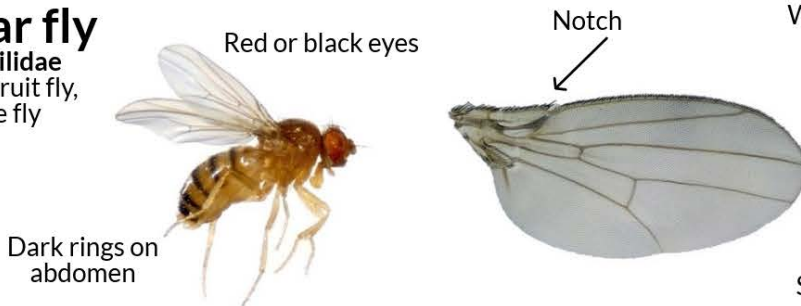


Quick ID Guide to Small Filth Flies

There are several small flies (1/8-inch or shorter) that can become a problem where conducive conditions exist. Each fly has special characteristics on its body and wings that distinguish it from another. By understanding each species and its preferred habitat, we can use an integrated approach to manage populations.

Vinegar fly

Drosophilidae
aka small fruit fly,
pomace fly



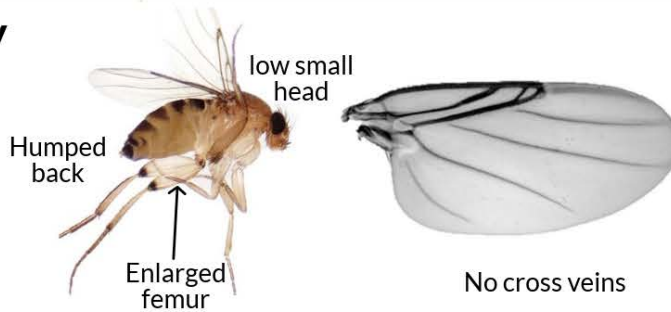
Where you would find this fly: Fermenting fruit, vegetables, moist organic matter, garbage



Solution: Eliminate source, sanitation and trap

Scuttle fly

Phoridae
aka phorid fly,
humpbacked fly,
coffin fly



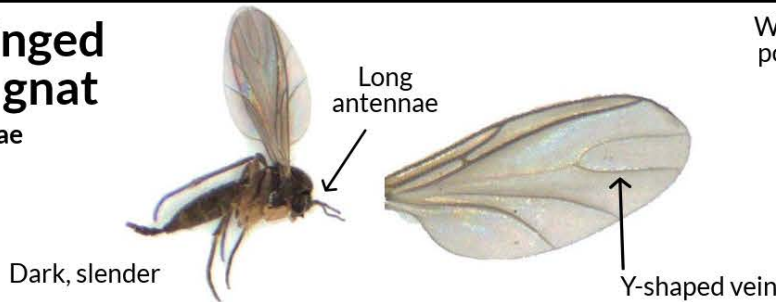
Where you would find this fly: Moist decaying plant and animal matter, mausoleums



Solution: Sanitation

Darkwinged fungus gnat

Sciaridae



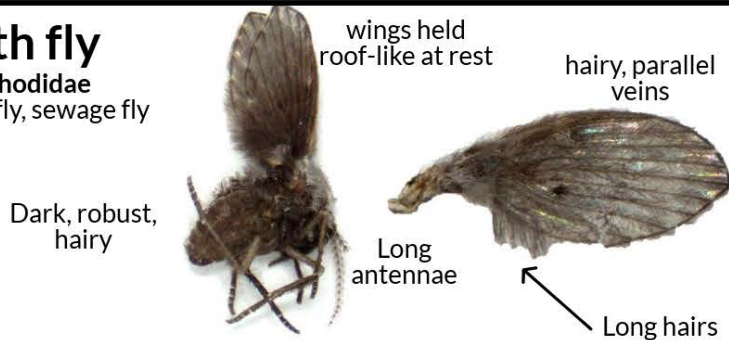
Where you would find this fly: Fungi in soil from potted plants, decaying vegetation, plant roots, rotten wood



Solution: Allow soil to dry out, trap

Moth fly

Psychodidae
aka drain fly, sewage fly



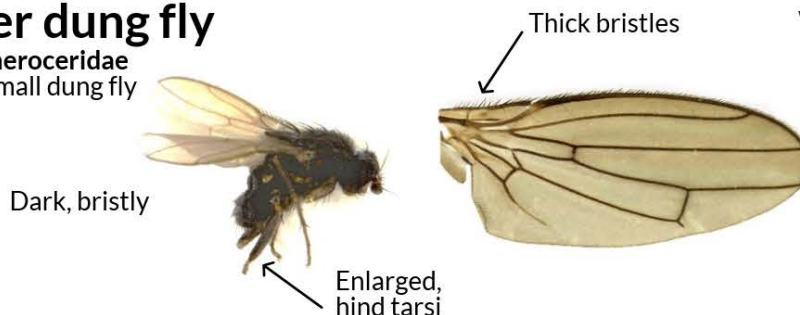
Where you would find this fly: Organic sludge in drains, sewage pipes, septic tanks, restrooms



Solution: Sanitation, plumbing

Lesser dung fly

Sphaeroceridae
aka small dung fly



Where you would find this fly: Decaying organic matter, sewage, dung, slime, garbage, carrion



Solution: Eliminate source, sanitation