Fruit Fly Identification Guide

Learn What Fruit Flies Look Like

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OVERVIEW

Identify Fruit Flies By Their Gathering Spots



There are several small gnat fly types that can live indoors including fungus gnats, drain flies and fruit flies. Identifying where the flies are gathering and what they are using as their food source will help with the identification process.

Fruit flies hover around and thrive most often near drains, garbage receptacles, either fresh or rotting produce, and moist organic material that may gather under fridges or in poorly cleaned areas. Fruit fly numbers are greatest in late summer and early fall during the harvest season and may often be introduced into your home on fruits or vegetables you buy from the grocery store.

How Long Do Fruit Flies Live?

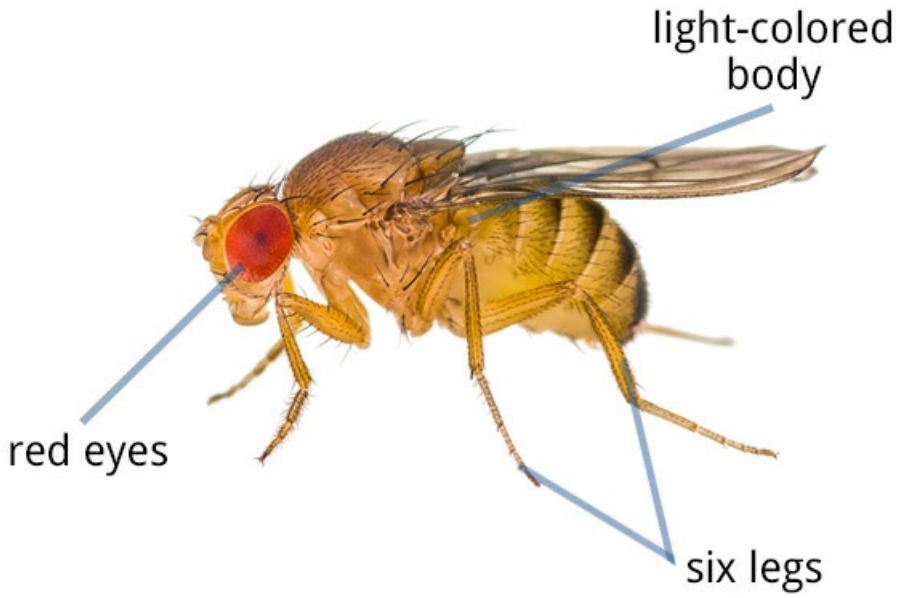
Adult fruit flies can live about 6 weeks in areas where food is abundant and temperatures are favorable. The adult female is able to mate and lay many eggs during that time. Adult fruit flies are especially annoying because a very small population can become very large in a small amount of time.

SIZE

Fruit flies are about 1/8" long

SHAPE

FRUIT FLY

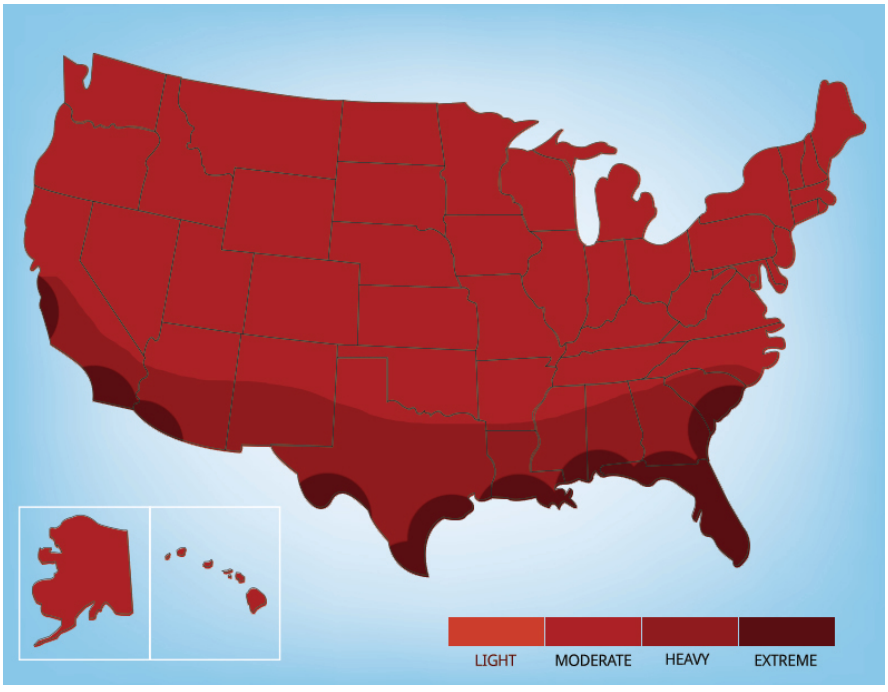


- Fruit flies have 6 legs
- Fruit flies have light-colored bodies
- Fruit flies have large bright red eyes

COLOR

Fruit flies are yellowish tan in color and usually have bright red eyes

RANGE



Fruit flies can be found in every state in the US