Fungus Gnats Identification Guide

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OVERVIEW

What Are Fungus Gnats?



Fungus gnats are tiny, smoky-winged insects with black to grayish bodies, long, thin legs, and even thinner antennae. Adult fungus gnats measure from 1/16 to 1/8 an inch long. Since there are other varieties of gnats that are similar, it's best to positively identify fungus gnats as your problem pest before deciding on a treatment method.

SIZE

Fungus gnats are usually between 1/16 and 1/8 inch in length -- about the same size as a fruit fly.

SHAPE

- Fungus gnats have long, thin legs
- Fungus gnats have one set of gray colored wings
- Fungus gnats have tiny antennae
- Fungus gnats resemble small mosquitoes

COLOR

Adult fungus gnats are dark gray to black in color. Fungus gnat larvae resemble small white or cream-colored worms with black heads.

RANGE



Fungus gnats can be found in every state of the U.S. They are not able to fly far, but can be transported to new locations as larvae in soil. In whichever state you live, fungus gnats are likely to be found in shady, moist areas, which are their preferred breeding grounds.

For more tips on finding fungus gnats around you home or business, check out our Fungus Gnats Inspection Guide next.