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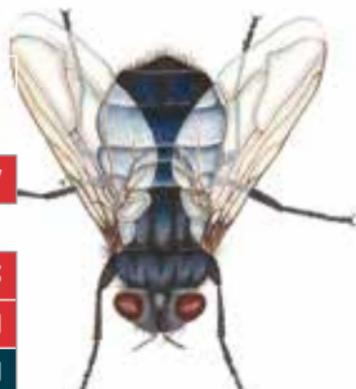
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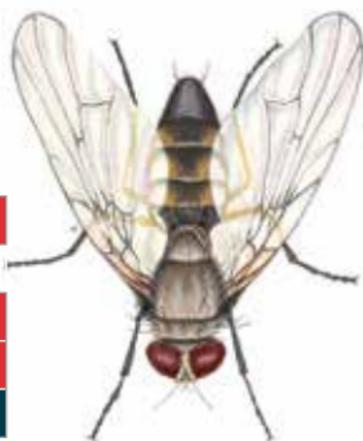
<b>Name</b>	<b>Common housefly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Musca domestica</i>
<b>Stats</b>	Length 6 - 8 mm Wingspan 13 - 15 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Grey thorax with four longitudinal dark stripes. Sides of abdomen are yellowish and may be transparent. A central dark band broadens at the back to cover the final abdominal segments. Fourth vein on wings bends slightly forward almost reaching third vein.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Blowfly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Calliphora vicina</i>
<b>Stats</b>	Length 9 - 13 mm Wingspan 18 - 20 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Adults are large robust flies, with a stout abdomen. Thorax is black/blue and dusky, and the abdomen is likewise coloured.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Lesser housefly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Fannia canicularis</i>
<b>Stats</b>	Length 5 - 6 mm Wingspan 10 - 12 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Grey thorax with three indistinct longitudinal stripes on it. Abdomen has extensive area of yellow at its base. Venation is characteristic with 4th longitudinal vein extending to the wing margin in a relatively straight line.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Wasp</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Vespa</i> spp.
<b>Stats</b>	Length 15-20 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Adult worker wasps have a black head and thorax with the characteristic black and yellow pattern on the abdomen. Fore and hindwings held together by a row of minute hooks giving the appearance of only one wing per side of the wasp. Wings are heavily veined and 9-13mm long.





<b>Name</b>	<b>Fruit fly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Drosophila</i> spp.
<b>Stats</b>	Length 3 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Fruit fly adults are small yellowish/brown flies with a darkly striped abdomen. The prominent compound eyes are generally red in colour, although darker variants occur. Wings have two clear notches in the front border, which can clearly be seen with a hand lens.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Cluster fly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Pollenia rudis</i>
<b>Stats</b>	Length up to 10 mm Wingspan up to 20 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Thorax has a distinctive dark greyish/olive colour and is covered in golden hairs. The abdomen has a chequered pattern. Wings are held at rest folded tightly on top of the abdomen.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Scuttle Fly/ Phorid Fly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Megaselia</i> spp.
<b>Stats</b>	Length 3 - 4 mm Wingspan 9 - 10 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Thorax is usually dark brown/tan in colour with distinctive humped appearance. Wings have no cross veins. Apart from two veins on leading margin of wings, there are only four veins leading from hindmost of veins on the leading edge to hind margin of the wing.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Mushroom/ Fungus Fly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	<i>Sciara thomae</i> spp.
<b>Stats</b>	Length 5 - 6 mm Wingspan 14 - 15 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Black head, thorax and abdomen. Thorax has humped appearance. Wings have few veins but have a characteristic Y-shaped cell in the central portion of the wing.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Owl midges, bathroom fly, Moth fly</b>
<b>Latin</b>	Family Psychodidae
<b>Stats</b>	Length 3 - 4 mm Wingspan 10 - 12 mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Greyish/brown in colour. Wings and body covered in scales, giving the fly the appearance of a small moth. Venation of wings has no cross veins, only around 8 veins (two of which are forked) running almost parallel to the front edge of the wing.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Mosquitoes</b>
<b>Latin</b>	Family Culicidae
<b>Stats</b>	Length 7 - 15 mm Wingspan 7 - 15mm
<b>Appearance</b>	Slender, long-legged insect with forward-pointing, piercing and sucking mouthparts. Wings have well-developed venation, in some cases wings have fringed hind margin and veins have scales associated with them.