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Name	Common housefly
Latin	<i>Musca domestica</i>
Stats	Length 6 - 8 mm Wingspan 13 - 15 mm
Appearance	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.



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



Name	Lesser housefly
Latin	<i>Fannia canicularis</i>
Stats	Length 5 - 6 mm Wingspan 10 - 12 mm
Appearance	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.



Name	Wasp
Latin	<i>Vespa</i> spp.
Stats	Length 15-20 mm
Appearance	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.





Name	Fruit fly
Latin	<i>Drosophila</i> spp.
Stats	Length 3 mm
Appearance	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.



Name	Cluster fly
Latin	<i>Pollenia rudis</i>
Stats	Length up to 10 mm Wingspan up to 20 mm
Appearance	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.



Name	Scuttle Fly/ Phorid Fly
Latin	<i>Megaselia</i> spp.
Stats	Length 3 - 4 mm Wingspan 9 - 10 mm
Appearance	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.



Name	Mushroom/ Fungus Fly
Latin	<i>Sciara thomae</i> spp.
Stats	Length 5 - 6 mm Wingspan 14 - 15 mm
Appearance	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.



Name	Owl midges, bathroom fly, Moth fly
Latin	Family Psychodidae
Stats	Length 3 - 4 mm Wingspan 10 - 12 mm
Appearance	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.



Name	Mosquitoes
Latin	Family Culicidae
Stats	Length 7 - 15 mm Wingspan 7 - 15mm
Appearance	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.