

## *Ceroxys latiusculus* (A picture-winged fly)

**Typical Location When Observed:** Indoors from early fall through spring. It is most often noticed around windows.

**Importance/Damage:** Nuisance invader and curiosity

**Distinguishing Features:** *Ceroxys latiusculus* is a moderate sized fly (9-12 mm) about the size of a house fly. Its general coloration is grayish-brown but the most notable physical feature are the wings which have dark patterned markings. This is the only common “picture-winged fly” that occurs in Colorado buildings.



*Ceroxys latiusculus*, a picture-winged fly that commonly enters buildings in fall


**General Life History and Habits:** Larvae develop within the seed heads of *Senecio* and other composite flowers.

**Resources:** This species is mentioned in Extension Fact Sheet 5.502, *Flies in the Home*.

**Scientific Name:** *Ceroxys latiusculus*

**Order:** Diptera (True Flies)

**Family:** Ulidiidae (Picture-winged flies)

Actual Length  


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