

Fungus Gnats



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Typical Location When Observed: In homes around houseplants and collected around the base of windows.

Importance/Damage: Primarily a minor nuisance pest in homes, particularly during cool season. Larvae can cause minor injuries to plant roots.

Distinguishing Features: Adults are 3 mm long, delicate, black flies with long legs and antennae. There is a distinct “Y-shaped” pattern on the forewings. The larvae are

worm-like, translucent, with a black head capsule and are located in the growing medium of houseplants.

Resources: This insect is covered in more detail in Extension Fact Sheet 5.584, *Fungus Gnats as Houseplant and Indoor Pests*. It is also mentioned in the Fact Sheet 5.595, *Managing Houseplant Pests* and in Fact Sheet 5.502, *Flies in the Home*.

Scientific Name: *Bradysia* spp.

Order: Diptera (True Flies)

Family: Mycetophilidae (Darkwinged Fungus Gnats)



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Actual Length

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