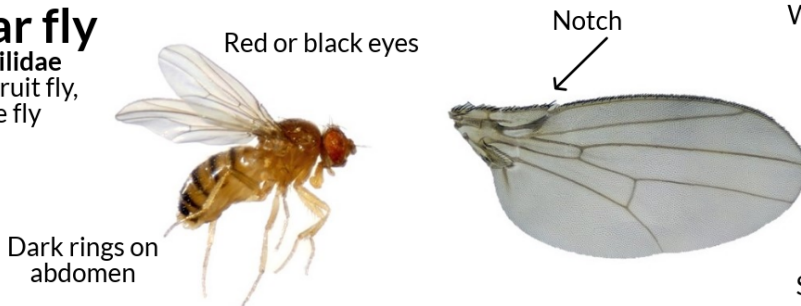


# Quick ID Guide to Small Filth Flies

There are several small flies (1/8-inch or shorter) that can become a problem where conducive conditions exist. Each fly has special characteristics on its body and wings that distinguish it from another. By understanding each species and its preferred habitat, we can use an integrated approach to manage populations.

## Vinegar fly

**Drosophilidae**  
aka small fruit fly,  
pomace fly



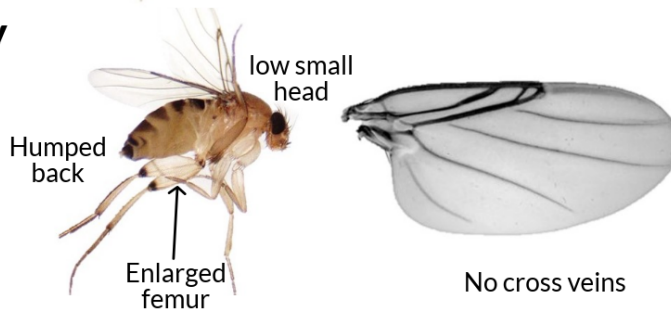
Where you would find this fly: Fermenting fruit, vegetables, moist organic matter, garbage



Solution: Eliminate source, sanitation and trap

## Scuttle fly

**Phoridae**  
aka phorid fly,  
humpbacked fly,  
coffin fly



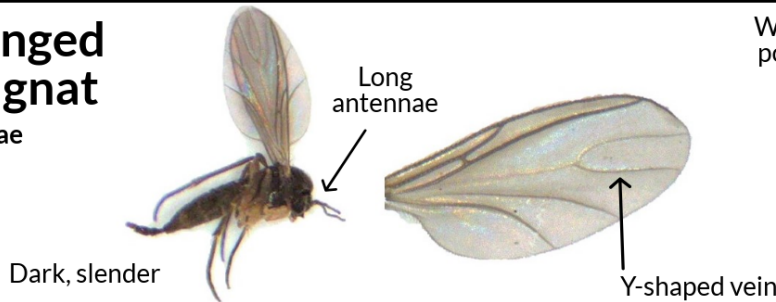
Where you would find this fly: Moist decaying plant and animal matter, mausoleums



Solution: Sanitation

## Darkwinged fungus gnat

**Sciaridae**



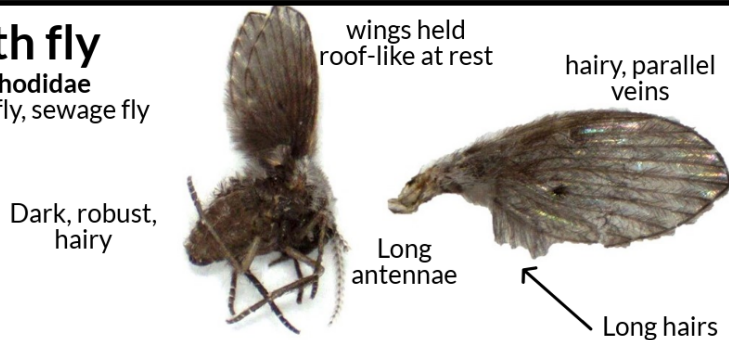
Where you would find this fly: Fungi in soil from potted plants, decaying vegetation, plant roots, rotten wood



Solution: Allow soil to dry out, trap

## Moth fly

**Psychodidae**  
aka drain fly, sewage fly



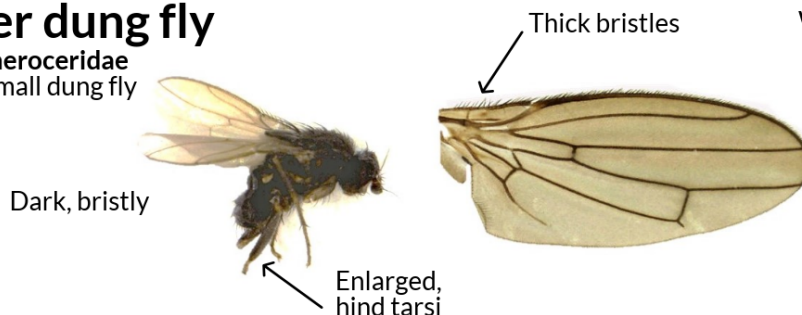
Where you would find this fly: Organic sludge in drains, sewage pipes, septic tanks, restrooms



Solution: Sanitation, plumbing

## Lesser dung fly

**Sphaeroceridae**  
aka small dung fly



Where you would find this fly: Decaying organic matter, sewage, dung, slime, garbage, carrion



Solution: Eliminate source, sanitation