

Fruit Flies – Vinegar Flies

Scientific Name: Drosophila species



Identification Tips:

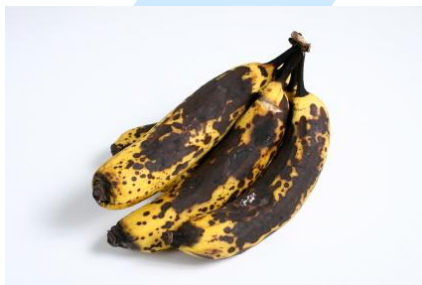
Color	Dull brownish-yellow to brownish-black
Legs	6
Size	Adults measure 1/8 to 1/5 of an inch long
Identifying Characteristics	Red eyes; wings have two “breaks” in the leading edge near body; third antenna segment is oval or long with the outer bristle nearly always feathered

Characteristics of this insect:

- May be seen around decaying or rotting fruits and vegetables. Inside may be seen hovering around: over ripe fruit and vegetables; baked goods containing yeast; garbage cans; sweetened beverages including beer, wine, and vinegar; dirty garbage receptacles; and drain water in refrigerators or iceboxes to name a few. Some species are attracted to human and animal excrement
- Fruit flies lay approximately 500 egg near fermenting fruits and vegetables. Eggs will hatch in about 30 hours
- Newly emerged adults will mate in 2 days. The life cycle from adult to adult is 8 to 10 days at 85 degrees Fahrenheit
- Some species of the fruit or vinegar fly have been responsible for human intestinal myiasis (form of diarrhea) common among workers in grape vineyards

Is this insect harmful to me?

These insects are not dangerous or harmful to humans. However, their large presence can be a nuisance indoors.



Why are they in my structure?

For the most part, this insect is breeding in over-ripe fruits and vegetables or spilled sweetened liquids. Do not forget to look at your trash disposal, sink drain or garbage receptacle as a source too.

Can I treat the problem myself?

Sanitation is the key to this problem. If you identify the breeding source, clean and remove it, the problem will cease on its own. You should not need a pest product to control this insect.

What can Apex do for me?

An Apex representative will spend time interviewing the homeowner in order to ascertain where the presence of fruit or vinegar flies is located. That being said, Apex can provide you with a one-time application or a preventative maintenance plan.

One-Time Treatment: An interview with the homeowner is conducted along with a detailed inspection of both the inside and outside of the structure. Time is spent determining the most

effective application and then a targeted application of product is made to rid your home or surroundings of these unwanted guests.

Pest Prevention Plan: Quarterly inspections and treatments are performed to keep your dwelling pest free year around. Free service calls are provided whenever a pest outbreak occurs. Being that a variety of general insect problems are covered, this is a cost effective way to maintain the integrity of your home and is the **recommended treatment of Apex.**

Is the treatment safe for my children and pets?

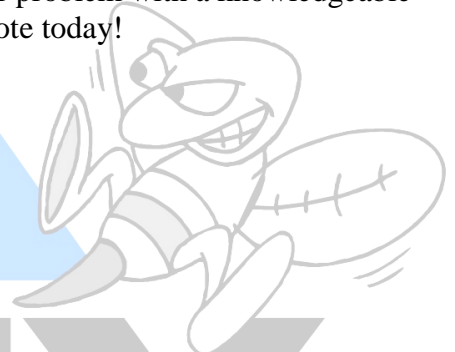


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