



# FRUIT FLY INFO SHEET

## General Information

Fruit flies live for 8-10 days. In that time, females lay around 500 eggs, using rotting fruit or vegetables as their nest.

**Size** 1/8"  
**Shape** Small, Oval  
**Color** Tan  
**Legs** 6  
**Wings** Yes  
**Antenna** Yes

**Common Name** Fruit Fly  
**Kingdom** Animalia  
**Phylum** Arthropoda  
**Class** Insecta  
**Order** Diptera  
**Family** Drosophilidae  
**Genus Species** Drosophila  
melanogaster

## Diet

Fruit flies feed on decaying fruits and vegetables.

## Habitat

Fruit flies are commonly found in homes, restaurants and other facilities where food is processed. They are especially attracted to garbage that has just been sitting around.

## Impact

Fruit flies are found in **unsanitary** conditions like garbage dumps and trashcans. When they are around, humans can become very sick.

## Prevention

- \* Keep your home clean.
- \* Remove kitchen trash every day and keep kitchen counters clean.
- \* Immediately remove rotting food from your home.

To learn more about this and other flies, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/flies.html>