

Are Gnats And Fruit Flies The Same

There are scant records of chloropids from amber deposits, mostly from the Eocene and Oligocene periods although some material may suggest the family dates back to the Cretaceous or earlier. aa12047491

Platystomatidae The Platystomatidae (signal flies) are a distinctive family of flies (Diptera) in the superfamily Tephritoidea. Signal flies are worldwide in distribution The Platystomatidae (signal flies) are a distinctive family of flies (Diptera) in the superfamily Tephritoidea aa12047491

Very slender, small to large (3-16 mm) flies, they have long, thin legs and narrow wings. The head is

small and elongated or rounded. The antennae are small and the arista is bare or pubescent. Ocelli are present, but ocellar bristles are absent. Vibrissae are absent and the postvertical bristles are divergent or absent. Up to three pairs of frontal bristles curve forward or backward. Interfrontal bristles are absent. The wings are clear or have a smoky pattern. The... aa12047491 Milichiidae are small-to-very-small flies, usually 1 to 3 mm in length. Typically they are black or at least dark. In some species, such as *Milichiella argyrogastrus*, the abdomen of the male is silvery on its dorsal surface because of a covering of fine hairs. The eyes of Milichiidae are often red, though this need not be obvious because many species... aa12047491 Insects in this family are commonly called stilt-legged flies, after their characteristically long legs. The fore legs are markedly smaller than the other pairs. Mostly, they are long-bodied, often black flies, usually with infuscated (darkened) wings.

Wings are reduced in the genera *Calycopteryx* and entirely absent in the ant-like *Badisis ambulans*.
aa12047491 Adult horse flies feed on nectar and plant exudates; males have weak mouthparts, but females have mouthparts strong enough to puncture the skin of large animals. This is for the purpose of obtaining enough protein from blood to produce eggs. The mouthparts of females are formed into a stout stabbing organ with two pairs of sharp cutting blades, and a spongelike part used to lap up the blood that flows from the wound. The larvae are predaceous and grow in semiaquatic habitats. aa12047491
== Family characteristics ==
aa12047491 Just like that of all Diptera, the taxonomy of Tachinidae is complex. The name Tachinidae was first validly proposed by Robineau-Desvoidy in 1830, but in the form "Tachinariae." Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830 thus has priority despite the name correction, and this applies to Tachinidae (for the family) and

to Tachininae (for the subfamily),
in accordance with the ICZN rules
on the formation of group names
(Article 36.1). aa12047491

Trametes ochracea versicolor,
such as fungus moths, gnats, and
the maggots of mushroom flies.
Like *T. Although its leathery*
Trametes ochracea is a common
polypore mushroom native to
North America and Europe,
although rarer than some other
Trametes species. likely eaten by
similar or the same insects that eat
T. It is a related species to, and is
a lookalike of the pale variety of
Trametes versicolor. versicolor, it
is commonly called turkey tail, and
other common names are ochre
bracket and ochre trametes
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Chloropidae About 2000 described
species are in over 160 genera
distributed worldwide. *funicola*
being quite well known in Asia) are
called eye gnats or eye flies for
their habit of being attracted to
eyes. A few species are

kleptoparasites. species in the genera Hippelates and Siphunculina (S. These are usually very small flies, yellow or black and appearing shiny due to the virtual absence of any hairs. They feed on lachrymal secretions and other body fluids of various animals, including humans, and are of medical significance. Some species in the genera Hippelates and Siphunculina (S. The majority of the larvae are phytophagous, mainly on grasses, and can be major pests of cereals. funicola being quite well known in Asia) are called eye gnats or eye flies for their habit of being attracted The Chloropidae are a family of flies commonly known as frit flies or grass flies. However, parasitic and predatory species are known aa12047491

Signal flies are worldwide in distribution, found in all the biogeographic realms, but predominantly in the tropics. It is one of several families of acalyptate Diptera with over 1000

species, comprising around 1200 species in 127 genera.

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Morphology of Diptera

aa12047491 The specific epithet

ochracea, meaning 'ochre', refers

to the orange, brown, and ochre

colors of *T. ochracea*. aa12047491

Tsetse flies can be distinguished

from other large flies by two

easily-observed features:

primarily, tsetse flies fold their

wings over their abdomens

completely when they are resting

(so that one wing rests directly on

top of the other); Secondly, tsetse

flies also have a long proboscis,

extending directly forward, which

is attached by a distinct bulb to

the bottom of their heads.

aa12047491 Female horse flies

can transfer blood-borne diseases

from one animal to another

through their feeding habit...

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Histone acetyltransferase DNA is

wrapped around histones, and, by

transferring an acetyl group to the

histones, genes can be turned on

and off. Esa1 was the first essential HAT to be found in yeast, and MOF is its homolog in fruit flies. The HAT activity of the latter is required for the twofold Histone acetyltransferases (HATs) are enzymes that acetylate conserved lysine amino acids on histone proteins by transferring an acetyl group from acetyl-CoA to form ϵ -N-acetyllysine. In general, histone acetylation increases gene expression aa12047491

In general, histone acetylation is linked to transcriptional activation and associated with euchromatin. Euchromatin, which is less densely compact, allows transcription factors to bind more easily to regulatory sites on DNA, causing transcriptional activation. When it was first discovered, it was thought that acetylation of lysine neutralizes the positive charge normally present, thus reducing affinity between histone and (negatively charged) DNA, which renders DNA more accessible to transcription factors. Research has

emerged, since, to show that lysine acetylation and other posttranslational modifications of histones generate binding sites for specific protein-protein interaction domains, such as the acetyllysine-binding bromodomain. Histone acetyltransferases can also acetylate non-histone proteins, such as nuclear receptors...

aa12047491 There may be confusion between this family name and its homonym used by Fleming in 1921 to describe a family of Coleoptera. The latter usage was invalidated by the ICZN in 1993 (Opinion 1743), which corrected the spelling of Tachinidae... aa12047491

Tsetse fly Tsetse flies include all the species in the genus *Glossina*, which are placed in their own family, Glossinidae. The tsetse is an obligate parasite that lives by feeding on the blood of vertebrate animals. Tsetse flies include all the species in the genus *Glossina*, which are placed in their own family, Glossinidae. They have

pronounced economic and public health consequences in sub-Saharan Africa as the biological vectors of trypanosomes, causing human and animal trypanosomiasis. tropical Africa. The tsetse is an obligate Tsetse flies (UK: (T)SET-see or US: (T)SEET-see; sometimes spelled tsetze; also known as tik-tik flies) are large biting flies that inhabit much of tropical Africa. Tsetse flies have been extensively studied because of their role in transmitting disease aa12047491

== Etymology == aa12047491 T. ochracea is a close relative of the more famous T. versicolor, so research into its medicinal value is limited yet occurring, and it is likely it is of similar medicinal value. aa12047491 Adults are found on tree trunks and foliage and are attracted to flowers, decaying fruit, excrement, sweat, and decomposing snails. Larvae are found on fresh and decaying vegetation, carrion, human corpses, and root nodules,

particularly in the genus *Rivellia*, which has economic implications for legume crops. Larvae from the remaining genera are either phytophagous (eating plant material) or saprophagous (eating decomposing organic matter). Some are predatory on other insects and others have been found in human lesions, while others are of minor agricultural significance. aa12047491

Fossilized tsetse specimens have been recovered from Paleogene rocks in the United States and Germany. Twenty-three extant species of tsetse flies are known from the African continent and...

aa12047491 == Taxonomy ==
aa12047491 Flies have a mobile head, with a pair of large compound eyes, and mouthparts designed either for piercing and sucking (in mosquitoes, black flies, and robber flies) or for lapping and sucking (in the other groups). Their wing arrangement gives them great manoeuvrability in flight, and claws and pads on their feet enable them to cling to

smooth surfaces. Flies undergo complete metamorphosis; the eggs are often laid on the larval food-source and the larvae, which lack true limbs, develop in a protected environment, often inside their food source. Other species are ovoviviparous, opportunistically depositing hatched or hatching larvae, instead of eggs, on carrion, dung, decaying material, or open wounds of mammals. The pupa is a tough capsule from which the adult emerges when ready to do so;... aa12047491 == Description == aa12047491

Tabanidae Females parasitize land vertebrates, including humans, biting them to obtain blood. Females Horse flies and deer flies are true flies in the family Tabanidae in the insect order Diptera. Both horse flies and botflies (Oestridae) are sometimes referred to as gadflies. The adults are often large and agile in flight. Horse flies and deer flies are true flies in the family Tabanidae in the insect order Diptera. They prefer

to fly in sunlight, avoiding dark and shady areas, and are inactive at night. The adults are often large and agile in flight. Contrary to popular belief, horse flies cannot see infrared light or otherwise detect heat at a distance. They are found all over the world except for some islands and the polar regions (Hawaii, Greenland, Iceland)
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South America. As far as is known, they all are protelean parasitoids, or occasionally parasites, of arthropods, usually other insects
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Milichiidae of predatory invertebrates, and accordingly are commonly known as freeloader flies or jackal flies. However, because of the conditions under which many Milichiidae are a family of flies. However, because of the conditions under which many species breed out, they also are known as filth flies. Most species are very small and dark. Details of their biology have not yet been properly studied, but they are best known as kleptoparasites of predatory invertebrates, and accordingly are commonly known as freeloader flies or jackal flies
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== Biology == aa12047491

Micropezidae They are most diverse in tropical and subtropical habitats, especially in the

Neotropical Region. The Micropezidae are a moderate-sized family of acalyptate muscoid flies in the insect order Diptera, comprising about 500 species in about 50 genera. The Micropezidae are a moderate-sized family of acalyptate muscoid flies in the insect order Diptera, comprising about 500 species in about 50 genera and five subfamilies worldwide, (except New Zealand and Macquarie Island)
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The Milichiidae are a family of flies in the suborder Brachycera. They were at one time included in the family Carnidae. At one time or another they have been assigned to various superfamilies, including Carnoidea, Chloropoidea, and Agromyzoidea. As usual for flies of these groups, Milichiidae imagines are tiny, but their heads are comparatively large, compared to many fly species of the same size, such as those in the family Phoridae. aa12047491 ==
Affinities and appearance ==

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Fly blow flies, mosquitoes, gnats, black flies, midges and fruit flies. The hindwings have evolved into halteres, organs that sense rotation, giving flies precise control of their flight. Diptera is a large order containing more than 150,000 species, including horseflies, crane flies, hoverflies, mosquitoes and others. flies) is an insect of the order Diptera (from Ancient Greek δι- di- 'two' and πτερόν pteron 'wing'), named for the single pair of wings. More than 150,000 have been formally described and the actual species diversity is A fly (pl aa12047491

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