## **Fungus Gnat**

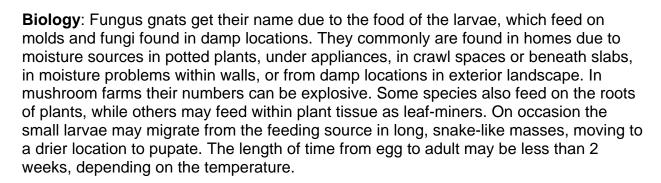
Common Name: Fungus gnats

**Common Family Name**: Dark-winged fungus gnats

**Other Names**: Root gnats

**Origin**: Many species of these tiny flies are native to North

America.



**Identification**: The sciarid fungus gnats are tiny flies, only 2 to 3 mm long. They are brown to black and have long, thin, pointed abdomens.

**Characteristics Important in Control**: Control of sources of moisture, and the resulting fungi or decaying organic material, is the key to the control of fungus gnats. They are drawn to lights as adults, but light traps and residual sprays will not affect the larvae that are hidden in a protected, damp environment.

