

BLUEBOTTLE

The Latin name for the Bluebottle is *Calliphora vomitoria*.

Also known as the Blowfly, this fly is a very abundant house pest. They are found throughout the year, and are frequently seen flying around indoors.

It is a medium sized fly, about 1cm long. The abdomen is metallic blue and hairy.

The females lay large numbers of eggs and are often searching urgently for suitable places to lay them. The eggs are usually laid on some kind of meat or any available food. Both eggs and larvae need damp conditions, and so the larvae often travel a long distance to find drier conditions for pupating. The larvae are more commonly known as maggots.