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A genus of small, American flies, Diptera. The best known species is *D. Melanogaster*, often called the fruit fly, but more correctly termed the vinegar fly. First investigated by T.H.Morgan and his group, it has been extensively used in genetic studies. More recently it has been used for studies of embryonic development.