

FAST FACTS

- Even though they are extremely small, both lice and their eggs can be seen with the naked eye.
- Lice eggs are called "nits".
- A single female produces between 80 and 100 eggs in her lifetime.
- Most of these "nits" will hatch within 7-11 days and reach adulthood within 8-9 days after that.
- The new adult lice will live for about 22 more days.
- A single host can be infested by thousands of lice at one time!

General Information

There are over 2,500 different kinds of chewing lice. They get their name because their mouths are designed specifically for chewing. They have claw like features on at the end of their legs that enable them to stay on a host.

Size	1/12"	Common Name	Sucking Lice
Shape	Seed like	Kingdom	Animalia
Color	Whitish	Phylum	Arthropoda
Legs	6	Class	Insecta
Wings	No	Order	Phthiraptera
Antenna	Yes	Family	Pediculidae
		Genus Species	Pediculus humanus

Diet

Chewing lice feed on feathers, hair, blood, scales and skin.

Habitat

They live on mammals and birds but are not found on humans.

Impact

Chewing lice can cause itching and small welts on the skin. Their bites can result in hair and feather loss, blood loss and even skin infection if not managed.

Prevention

* Keep animals clean and treat with specialty flea and tick shampoo and grooming products.

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