



Facts about Fireflies

They talk to each other with light. Some synchronize their flashing light.

They produce “cold light” - 100 % of the energy is emitted as light.

In some species the larvae and the eggs glow.

There are 45 different species in Texas.

They may eat other fireflies. Larvae usually eat snails and worms.

Adults have a short life span.

Adult 3-4 weeks

Egg 3 weeks

Larvae 1-2 years

Pupa 3 weeks

They are found on almost every continent.

They love warm, humid areas.

They are medically and scientifically useful to study diseases and to detect life in outer space.

Why are they disappearing?

Some researchers say:

Their habitat, open fields and forests, are being paved over.

Too much light at night

Pesticides that kill undesirable bugs also kill fireflies.

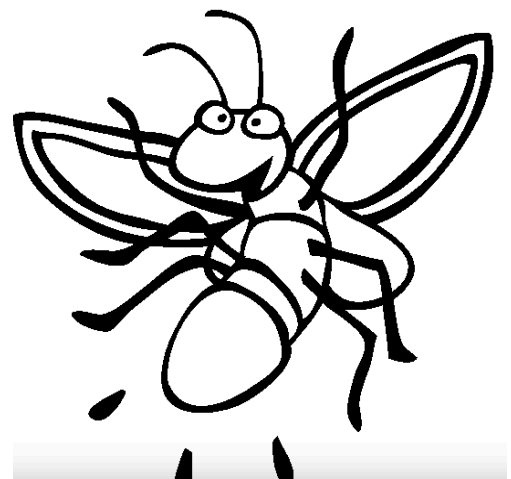
What can you do?

Add a shallow dish filled with water and some beautiful native grass to your yard.

Shut off outside lights at night or change to motion detector lights.

Avoid and reduce the use of pesticides.

Go outside on a spring evening, May & June, in a dark location to look for the flashing light show put on by these magical creatures.



<https://www.texasmonthly.com/travel/the-flight-of-the-texas-fireflies/>

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