

# Definitions starting with D: doctor fly

[W Car.; cf. Brit. dial. North doctor horse-fly "Children used to catch a cleg and hold it on the back of the hand until it drew blood; in this way they were probably imitating the practice of blood-letting"  
EDD] n. the horse fly, a stinging insect (Tabanus sp.): 1910 Doctor flies . . . attack the feet and legs especially and inflict quite a painful wound (Northrop 16). = [STINGING DOCTOR](#)

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