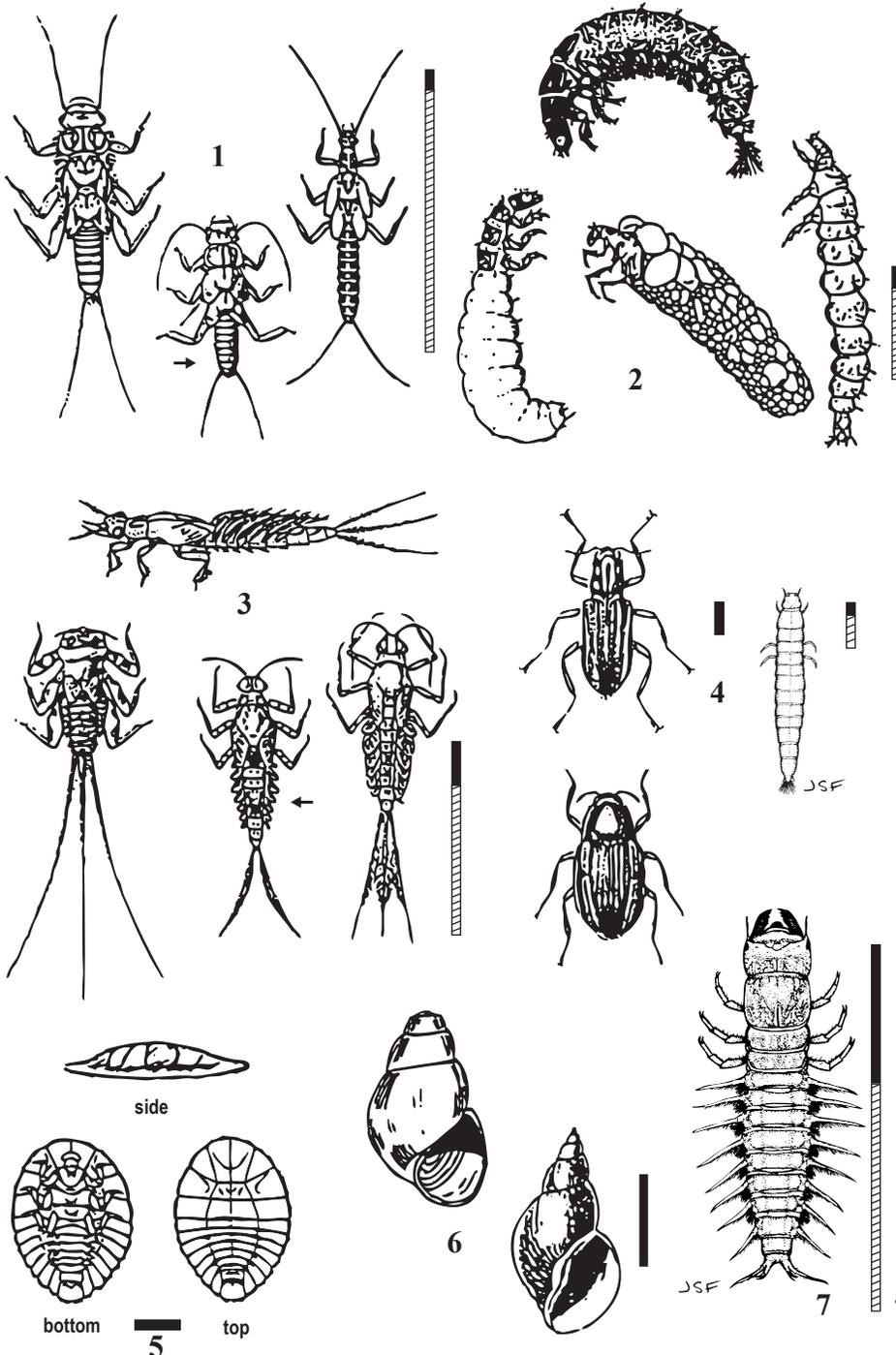


Stream Insects & Crustaceans

GROUP ONE TAXA

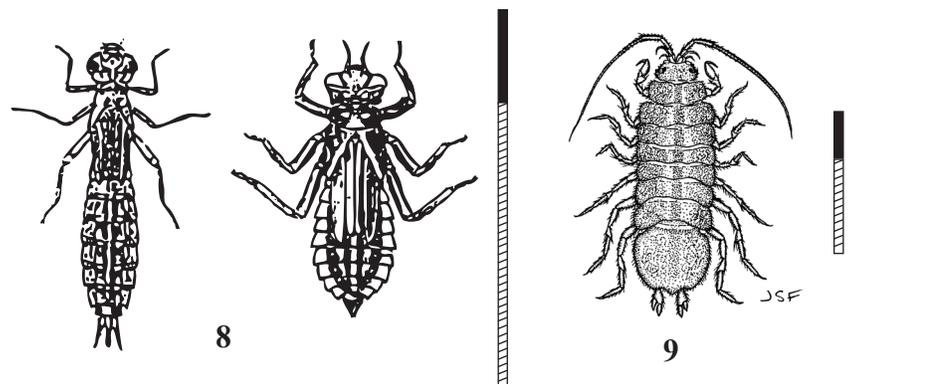
Pollution sensitive organisms found in good quality water.



- 1 Stonefly nymph: *Order Plecoptera*. 1/8" - 1 1/2"; 6 legs with hooked tips; 2 hairlike tails. Smooth (no gills) on abdomen (see arrow). May have gills on thorax under the legs.
- 2 Caddisfly larva: *Order Trichoptera*. Up to 1"; 6 legs on thorax; 2 hooks at end of abdomen. May be in a stick, rock, or leaf case with its head sticking out. May have fluffy gill tufts on lower half.
- 3 Mayfly nymph: *Order Ephemeroptera*. 1/4" - 1"; moving, platelike, or feathery gills on abdomen (see arrow); 6 large hooked legs; antennae; 2 or 3 long, hairlike tails. Tails may be webbed together.
- 4 Riffle Beetle: *Order Coleoptera*. Adult: Tiny, 6-legged beetle; crawls slowly on the bottom. Larva: Entire length of body covered with hard plates; 6 legs on thorax; uniform brown or black color. Combine number of adults & larvae when reporting total counts.
- 5 Water Penny larva: *Order Coleoptera*. 1/4"; flat saucer-shaped body, like a penny; segmented with 6 tiny legs underneath. Immature beetle.
- 6 Gilled Snail: *Class Gastropoda*. Shell opening covered by thin plate called operculum. When pointed up and opening facing you, the shell opens to right. Do not count empty shells.
- 7 Dobsonfly larva (hellgrammite): *Family Corydalidae*. 3/4" - 4"; dark-colored; 6 legs, large pinching jaws; eight pairs lateral filaments on lower half of body with paired cottonlike gill tufts along underside of lateral filaments; short antennae; 2 pairs of hooks at back end.

GROUP TWO TAXA

Somewhat pollution tolerant organisms can be in good or fair quality water.

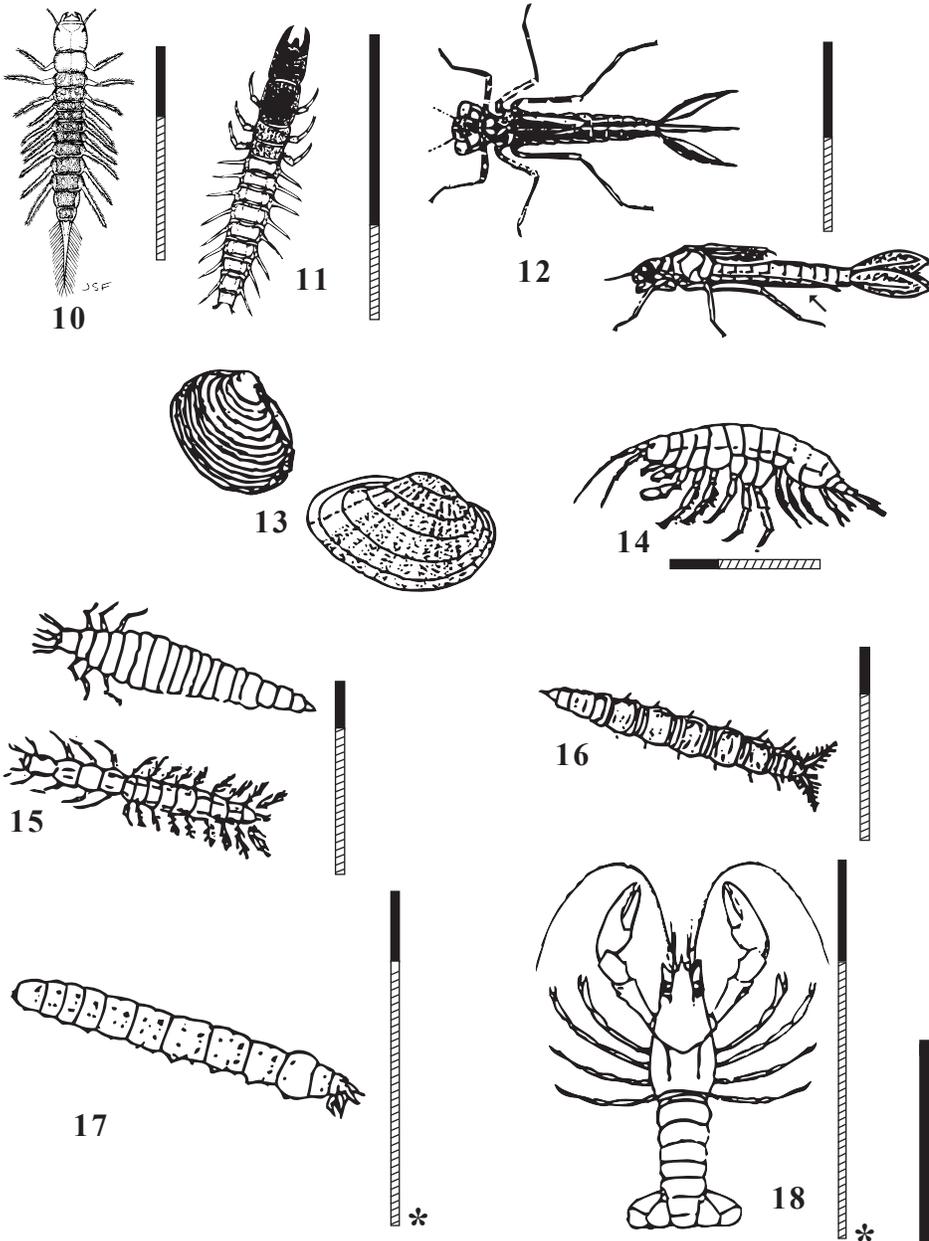


- 8 Dragonfly nymph: *Suborder Anisoptera*. 1/2" - 2"; large eyes, 6 hooked legs. Wide oval to round abdomen, masklike lower lip.
- 9 Sowbug: *Order Isopoda*. 1/4" - 3/4"; gray oblong body wider than it is high, more than 6 legs, long antennae, looks like a 'rolly poly.'

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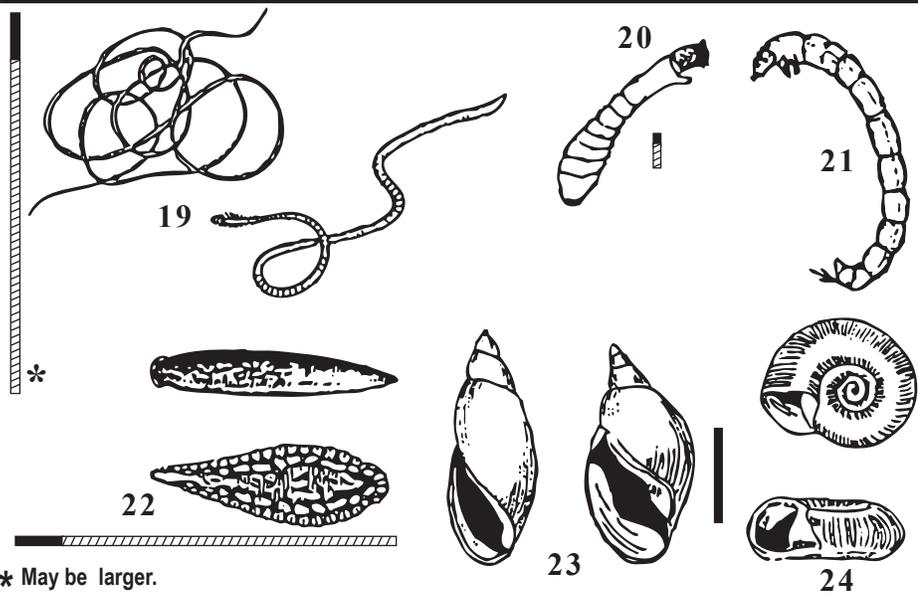
GROUP TWO TAXA continued

- 10 Alderfly larva: *Family Sialidae*. 3/8" - 1"; looks like small hellgrammite but has 1 long, thin, branched tail at end of abdomen (no hooks). No gill tuft underneath the lateral filaments on abdomen.
- 11 Fishfly larva: *Family Corydalidae*. Up to 1 1/2"; lateral filaments on abdomen. Looks like small hellgrammite but often a lighter reddish-tan color, or with yellowish streaks. No gill tufts underneath.
- 12 Damselfly nymph: *Suborder Zygoptera*. 1/2" - 1"; large eyes; 6 thin hooked legs; 3 broad oar-shaped tails (gills); body positioned like a tripod. Smooth (no gills) on sides of lower half of body (see arrow).
- 13 Clam/Mussel: *Class Bivalvia*. Do not count empty shells.
- 14 Scud: *Order Amphipoda*. 1/4" - 3/4"; white to gray, body higher than it is wide; swims sideways; more than 6 legs; resembles small shrimp.
- 15 Other Beetle larva: *Order Coleoptera*. 1/4" - 1"; light-colored; 6 legs on upper half of body; feelers; antennae; obvious mouthparts. Diverse group.
- 16 Watersnipe Fly larva: *Family Athericidae (Atherix)*. 1/4" - 1"; pale to green; tapered body; many caterpillar-like legs; conical head; two feathery 'horns' at back end.
- 17 Crane Fly larva: *Suborder Nematocera*. 1/3" - 4"; milky, green, or light brown; plump caterpillar-like segmented body. May have enlarged lobe or fleshy fingerlike extensions at the end of the abdomen.
- 18 Crayfish: *Order Decapoda*. Up to 6"; 2 large claws, 8 walking legs, resembles small lobster.

GROUP THREE TAXA

Pollution tolerant organisms can be in any quality of water.

- 19 Aquatic Worm/Horsehair Worm: *Class Oligochaeta/Phylum Nematomorpha*. Aquatic worm: 1/4" - 2"; can be very tiny, thin wormlike body. Horsehair Worm: 4" - 27"; slender, can be tangled.
- 20 Black Fly larva: *Family Simuliidae*. 1/8" - 3/8"; one end of body wider. Black head, suction pad on end.
- 21 Midge Fly larva: *Suborder Nematocera*. Less than 1/4"; distinct head; wormlike segmented body; pair of tiny prolegs under head and tip of abdomen.
- 22 Leech: *Order Hirudinea*. 1/4" - 6"; flattened muscular body, ends with suction pads.
- 23 Pouch Snail and Pond Snails: *Class Gastropoda*. No operculum. Breathe air. Shell usually opens on left. Do not count empty shells.
- 24 Other snails: *Class Gastropoda*. No operculum. Breathe air. Snail shell coils in one plane. Do not count empty shells.



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