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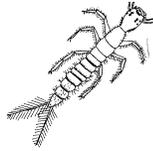
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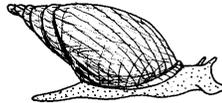
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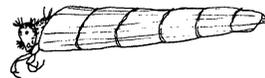
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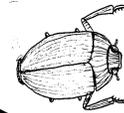
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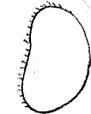
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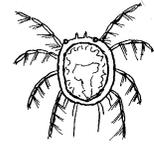
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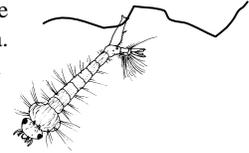**Sideswimmer**
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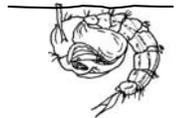
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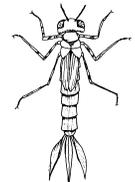With long skinny legs, it runs on the surface of the water and feeds on small insects. About this long
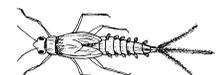
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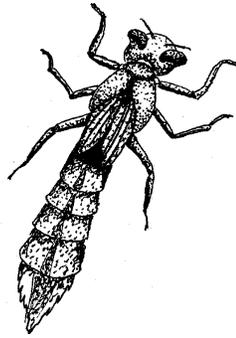
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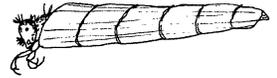
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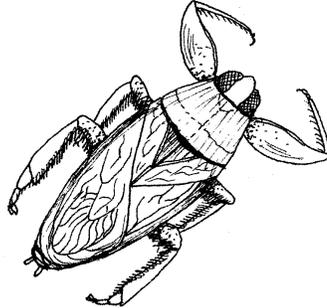
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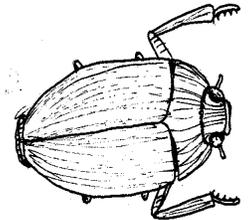
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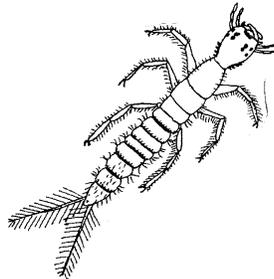
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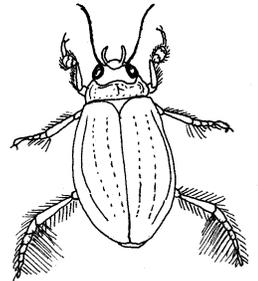
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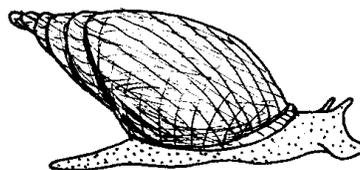
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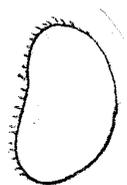
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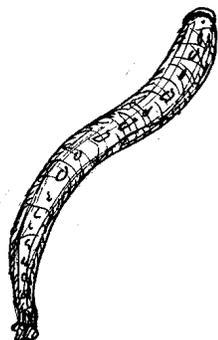
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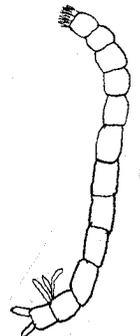
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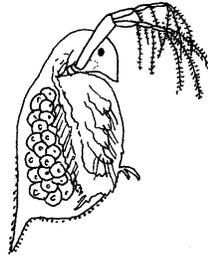
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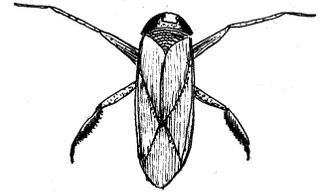
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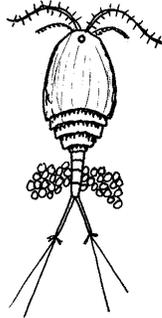
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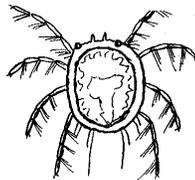
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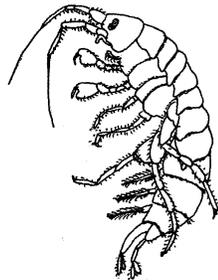
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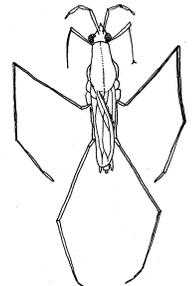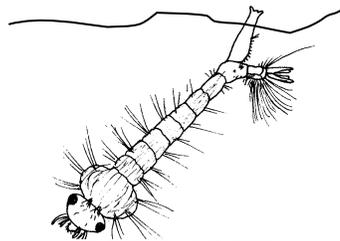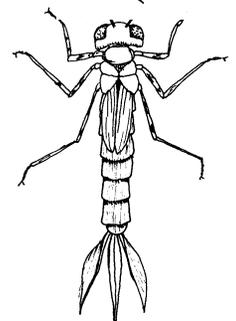
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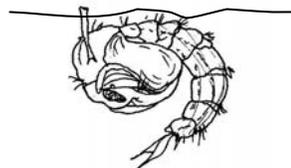
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