



Common Aquatic Macroinvertebrates in Maine Streams and Wetlands

Aquatic macroinvertebrates are animals without backbones that can be seen without magnification and live (at least part of their life) in the water. Check in your local area to see if you can find any of these macroinvertebrates!

Macroinvertebrates that are most sensitive to pollution and habitat disturbance:

Stonefly



Mayfly



Caddisfly



The Maine Department of Environmental Protection monitors the health of streams and wetlands by examining communities of aquatic macroinvertebrates.

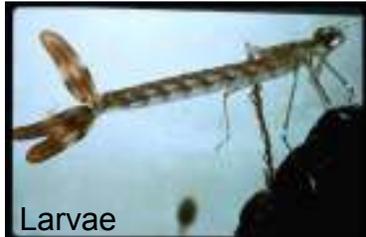
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Ones of intermediate tolerance of pollution or habitat disturbance.

Dragonfly



Damselfly



Dobsonfly



Blackfly



Ones that can be tolerant of pollution or habitat disturbance.

Chironomid
(Midge)



Snail



Leech

