Chapter 15 Order Ephemeroptera

The Ephemeroptera, or mayflies, is the most primitive and ancient group of aquatic insects. They have two adult stages, the **subimago** and the **imago**. Both adult stages are short lived and do not feed. Mayflies are cosmopolitan and found in various freshwater habitats ranging from streams and rivers to standing ponds. Taxon richness is greater in lotic habitats. All nymphal stages are aquatic. Nymphs have gills on various abdominal segments, and the last abdominal segment bears three **caudal filaments**, although occasionally the middle one is absent or reduced. Nymphs feed mainly on algae on rock surfaces, on fine-particle detritus or on suspended particles. Only a very few mayflies are predators. Mayflies are used extensively as indicators to assess pollution and environmental change.

Ephemeroptera is a small order of insects, with about 3,000 described species and more than 375 genera and 37 families (Brittain & Sartori, 2003). The ephemeropteran fauna of the Indochina region is relatively poorly studied compared to that of temperate regions (Soldán, 2001). Only the Leptophlebiidae, Neoephemeridae and Potamanthidae have been treated in detail (Peters & Edmund, 1970; Bae & McCaffery, 1991, 1998). To date, approximately 58 genera and species of 18 ephemeropteran families have been recorded from the region, and many unclear taxonomic identifications at the generic level remain. This reflects a need in taxonomic studies for the immature stages to be associated with their respective adults. The following keys of Ephemeroptera of Indochina are modified from several publications (Allen, 1971; Bae & McCafferty, 1991, 1998; Dudgeon, 1999; Hubbard, 1994; Nguyen, 2003; Peters, 1967; Peters & Edmunds, 1970; Sites *et al.*, 2001; Soldán & Braasch, 1984).

KEY TO FAMILIES, GENERA AND KNOWN SPECIES OF MATURE MAYFLY NYMPHS (EPHEMEROPTERA) OF INDOCHINA

4(3')	Apex of inner margin of fore tibiae with 6 or 7 serrated spines (Fig. 3c); segment III of maxillary palps a little shorter than 1/3 length of segment II (Fig. 3b)
4′	Apex of inner margin of fore tibia with 8 equal-sized fine serrated spines (Fig. 4b); segment III of maxillary palps a little longer than 1/3 length of segment II
5(1')	Head and prothorax with conspicuous crown of bristles; without mandibular tusks; gill ventral; legs are modified for burrowing (Fig. 6a)
5'	Head and prothorax lacking crowns of bristles; mandibular tusks present (Fig. 7b); gill lateral or dorsal; legs not modified for burrowing
6(5)	Tibiae of hindlegs not reduced (Fig. 5b), tarsi of forelegs fused to tibiae (Fig. 5a), claw present
6'	Tibiae of hindlegs reduced (Fig. 6b), tarsi of forelegs not fused to tibiae (Fig. 6a), claw absent
7(5')	Mandibles with tusk-like projection (except some species of <i>Afromera</i> (Fig. 17) bear atrophied tusk); gill II-VII double and uniform in structure with fringed margin (Fig. 7a,8,16a), gill I variable
7′	Mandibles without tusk-like projection, gills otherwise
8(7)	Legs slender for running or crawling, tibiae cylindrical; gills project laterally (Fig. 7a)
8'	Legs (especially tibiae) robust or flattened for digging; gills angled backwards dorsally over the body (Fig. 16a)
9(8)	Mandibular tusks with numerous distinct long setae (Fig. 7b); caudal filaments with inconspicous fine setae (Fig. 7a)Euthyplociae.
9′	Mandibular tusks lacking long setae (Fig. 8) or have only inconspicuous setae (Fig. 9b); caudal filaments with distinct long setae
10(9')	Mandibular tusks roughly equal to or longer than the length of the head
10′	Mandibular tusks shorter than one half of the length of the head (Fig. 8)
11(10)`Mandibular tusks with a large lateral spine (so that the tusks appear forked) (Fig. 10); maxillary palp slender, with weakly-developed setae on the terminal segment

11'	Mandibular tusks lack a large lateral spine (not appearing apically forked) (Fig. 9a-b), but sometimes have a small lateral spine; mandibular tusks strongly convergent and abruptly curved inward; maxillary palp thick, with strongly-developed setae on the terminal segment
12(11) Leg unicolorous, at most with diffuse smudges; 28-46 simple stout setae and 4-5 bipectinte hair-like setae laterally on mandibles; no medial row of spines developed (Fig. 10)
12'	Leg with conspicuous dark marking (band and stripes) (Fig. 11b); 40-55 simple stout setae and about 15 simple hair-like long setae laterally on mandibles (Fig. 11c); bipectinate setae absent; medial row of 15-20 spines well developed **R. (R.) distafurcus**
13(11	') Mandibular tusks greatly long (1.4x length of head), gradually curved inward; body large (18.2-21.2 mm)
13′	Mandibular tusks moderately long (0.8x length of head), abruptly curved inward; body medium sized (12.5-16.7 mm)
14(8') 14'	Tusks curved inwards, inner edges concave (Fig. 12)Polymitarcyidae15 Tusks curved outwards, inner edges convex (Fig. 16b)
15(14) Slender tusk with setae and small tubercles (Fig. 12); a single gill on abdominal segment I
15′	Broad and flat tusks which are strongly toothed close to the apex (Fig. 13)
16(14	')Broad, flat tusks with outer edge notched; tusks with shallow indentation along outer margin (Fig. 15a-b)
16′	Tusks smooth and slender (Fig. 14,16b)EPHEMERIDAE17
17(16	') Frontal process on the head reduced; rather inconspicuous and not bifid (Fig. 14); mandibular tusks are triangular in cross-section; tarsal claws on forelegs reduced relative to those of the mid- and hindlegs
17′	Frontal process on the head well-developed and bifid (Fig. 16b); mandibular tusks are circular in cross-section; tarsal claws on forelegs not reduce
18(17	') Mandibular tusks well-developed (Fig. 16a-b); abdominal gill I with two lobes of roughly equal size
18′	Mandibular tusks reduced or atrophied (Fig. 17); abdominal gill I asymmetrical with a relatively large outer lobe
	Gills on abdominal segment II large and plate-like (operculate) (Fig. 18a, 19) 20 Gills on abdominal segment II not greatly enlarged

20(19	9) Gills on abdominal segment II meet along the midline (Fig. 18a, 19)
201	Neoephemeridae, Potamanthellus 21
20′	Gills on abdominal segment II overlap along the midline (Fig. 20a)
21(20	O) Operculate gills with diagonal ridge (Fig. 18a)
21'	Operculate gills without diagonal ridge (Fig. 19)
22(21) Dorsal fore femora with transverse row of setae (Fig. 18b), abdominal terga VI-
22(21	VIII with distinct posteromedian tubercle
22'	Dorsal fore femora without transverse row of setae, abdominal terga VI-VIII with
	rumidentary posteromedian tubercle
23(20)') Head with ocelli on raised tubercles (Fig. 20b)
23′	Head lacks ocular tubercles (although ocelli are present)25
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24(23) Femora wide (three times wider than the tibiae); fore coxae nearly contiguous;
	maxillary and labial palps with 3 segments (Fig. 20c); posterolateral spines on
	abdomen segments IV-VII (Fig. 20a)
24'	Femora narrow (no more than twice as the tibiae); fore coxae widely separated;
	maxillary and labial palps with 2 segments; posterolateral spines on abdomen
	segments III-VI, those on segment VI are strongly bent medially (Fig. 21a-b); the
	anterior margin of the mesosternum bear numerous long bristles Cercobrachys
25(23	(Fig. 22), long setae
·	protruding from the front of the head between and below the antennae; gill covers
	with a simple ridge
25'	Fore tibiae without two transverse rows of filtering setae; gill covers may have a
	triangular or Y-shaped ridge (Fig. 23a-b)
26(25	(i') Gill covers with stout spines on the mesal fork of the triangular ridge;
20(23	submarginal spine lacking but marginal fringe of hairs is present (Fig. 23b)
26'	Gill covers without stout spines on the upper surface, but a row of submarginal
	spines is present
27(10	V) Forelogs with congrisuous rows of long sets along the inner morning of femore
27(19	or)Forelegs with conspicuous rows of long setae along the inner margins of femora and tibiae (Fig. 25b)
27′	Forelegs without rows of long setae along the inner margins
20/25	() Pady flat willows rather amall (Fig. 24)
28(27)	Body flat, gills are rather small (Fig. 24)
	Isonychidae, Isonychia

29(27	') Flat plate-like head, with dorsally situated eyes, concealing the mouthparts when viewed from above; body dorsoventrally compressed (Fig. 29a, 30a, 32a)
	Heptageniidae 30
29′	Mouthparts clearly visible from above; head not plate like
30(29) Two filaments at the end of the abdomen
30′	Three filaments at the end of the abdomen
31(30) Gills I-VII modified to form 'sucking disc' (Fig. 26)
31'	Gills I-VII not modified to form 'sucking disc (Fig. 27)
32(30 32'	') Gills overlap ventrally to form a 'sucking disc' (Fig. 28)
33(32 33'	') Gill I with tracheal tufts well developed and lamellae reduced or vestiged 34 Gill not as above
34(33 34') Labrum laterally elongated; lamellae of gill III vestigial; lamellae of gill VII with hairs on lateral margin (Fig. 29a-e)
	without hairs
35(33	') Spiniform lateral process on segments II-VIII well develop (Fig. 30a-b)
35′	Lateral processes less well develop or lacking
36(35	') Lamellae of gills V and VI with pointed apical prolongation (Fig. 31a-b)
36′	Gills lamellate without apical prolongation
37(36	') Gill VII lanceolate with pointed tip, 3x longer than broad and without tracheal tufts (Fig. 33a-b)
37′	Gill VII not lanceolate, not more than twice as long as broad, with or without tracheal tufts
38(37	') Fore femora with patches of stout setae on dorsal surface; gill VII with tracheal tufts
38′	Fore femora without patches of stout setae on dorsal surface; gill VII with or without tracheal tufts

39(38	C') Caudal filaments with alternating segmented of light and dark bands
39′	Caudal filament not as above
40(39	Cerci bear spines as well as lateral bristles and segments of the cerci with stout spines alternate with those lacking such spines (Fig. 32); gills I-VII with row of sparse marginal set
41(29 41'	Gills on abdominal segment II absent (Fig. 34-39)EPHEMERELLIDAE 42 Gills on abdominal segment II present (Fig. 44, 45)
42(41) Larvae with lamellate gills on abdominal segment III-VI; gill III operculate and completely covers the rest of the gill series; head bears tubercle (Fig. 34)
42′	Larvae with lamellate gills on abdominal segment III-VII; gill III maybe semioperculate but does not cover the rest of the gill series completely; head may or may not bear tubercle or spine
43(42 43'	Gills on segment III-VII; gill III enlarged and semioperculate, covering most of remaining gills; maxillary palpi absent
44(43 44'	(r) Femora of mid- and hindlegs expanded and much broader than those of the forelegs; anterolateral corners of the pronotum projecting forward, and the anterior portion of the mesonotum is expanded (Fig. 35-38)
45(44	hindlegs; pronotum and mesonotum not projecting or expanded
45'	Middle and hind femora expand and margin serrate; head with suboccipital tubercles
46(45	(i') Abdominal terga with paired submedian tubercles on segments I-X (Fig. 36a); fore femora with median band of tubercles; head, body and legs with numerous
46′	pale spots (Fig. 36b-c)

47(46	5') Head quadrangular; abdominal terga with paired submedian tubercles on segments II-X (Fig. 37)
47′	Head round; abdominal terga with paired submedian tubercles on segments IV-IX (Fig. 38)
48(44	Y) Body and appendages covered with long setae (Fig. 39); body lacks tubercles; mandibles are asymmetrical
48′	Body not covered with long setae; body with tubercles or spines on the head, thorax or the abdomen
49(48	B') Head with spines or tubercles (Fig. 40a); fore femora usually expanded, bearing
49′	spines along the anterior margin (Fig. 40b); body robust
50(49	O') Apical mandibular tooth greatly elongated and extending beyond anterior margin of head (Fig. 41)
50′	Apical mandibular tooth not greatly elongated and not extending beyond anterior margin of head
51(50 51'	O') Mesonotum with an anterolateral spine or projection (Fig. 42) <i>Ephacerella</i> 52 Mesonotum lacks lateral spines or projections
52(51) Mesonotum with long, acute anterolateral spine and without dorsal tubercles E. longicaudata
52'	Mesonotum with rudimentary anterolateral spine and with 5 dorsal tubercles E. commodema
53(51	') Abdominal terga lack paired tubercles; dorsal surface of the body strongly marked with paired longitudinal stripes (Fig. 43)
53′	Abdominal terga with paired tubercles; body <i>may</i> lack stripes; maxillary palpi absent
54(41 54'	') Gills borne dorsally on abdominal segment II-VII
55(54	Y') Median caudal filament absent; posterior margin of abdominal terga I-X each with mid-dorsal tubercle (Fig. 44)Teloganodiae, <i>Teloganodes</i> (<i>T. tristis</i>)
55′	Median caudal filament present

56(55	') Lamellate gills on segment II-VII; head with cephalic horns (Fig. 45)
56′	Posterior margin of abdominal terga IV-VI forming mid-dorsal notch; terga II-IX expanded laterally and well developed projection (Fig. 46); head without cephalic horn
57(54) Head rectangular; gills various types; terminal filament well-developed (Fig. 49, 50, 52, 53)
57′	Head round, gills lamellate or plate-like (Fig. 54-59); perminal filament sometimes reduced or lacking (Fig. 56, 57)
58(57)) Abdominal terga extending around to venter of abdomen on segments III-VII (Fig. 47)
58′	Abdominal terga extending to lateral sides of abdomen, all abdominal gills lateral or dorsal
59(58	(Fig. 48); gills present on abdominal segments II-VII, denticle of claws about equal length
59′	Maxillary and labial palpi not greatly elongated and usually not extending beyond side of head
60(59 60'	Middle abdominal gills plate-like with fringed margin (Fig. 49)
61(60 61'	Gill I similar to others in the series (Fig. 50)
62(61	Y) Posterolateral spine on abdominal segments III-IX, those on VIII and IX with curved inner edge (Fig. 51b), a large tooth-like process on the anterior apex of the maxilla (Fig. 51a)
62'	Posterolateral spine on abdominal segments IV or V-IX; spine on segments VIII and IX not as above, no large tooth-like process on the anterior apex of the maxilla as above (Fig. 52a)
63(62	') Abdominal gills III-VII terminate in 3 slender, subequal process (Fig. 53)
63′	Abdominal gills III-VII terminate in 3 processes, with middle one being longer than laterals (Fig. 52b)

64(5	7') Abdominal gills on one or more segments bilamellate (double) (Fig. 54,55) 65
64′	All abdominal gills single (Fig. 56-59)
65(6 65'	4) Lamellae of gills I-VI doubled (Fig. 54), but gill VII is single
	gills VI-VII are single
66(6 66′	4') Terminal filament absent or reduced, always shorter than 0.5x cerci (Fig. 58) 67 Terminal filament developed, always longer than 0.5x cerci (Fig. 60)
67(6	6) Abdominal terga with spiniform tubercles (Fig. 56)
67′	Abdominal terga without spiniform tubercles (Fig. 59)
68(6	7) The tergites of the metathorax and the abdomen (I-IX) bear a single median spiniform tubercle (Fig. 56a)
68′	The tergites bear single median (I-III) or paired submedian dorsal tubercles (IV-IX) (Fig. 58); apex of labial palp conical
69(6	8) Glossae subequal to paraglossae in length; margin of gills with both scales and setae (Fig. 57)
69′	Glossae shorter than paraglossae; margin of gills with fine setae (Fig. 56b)
70(6	7') Terminal filament shorter than 1/2 length of cerci (Fig. 59a); margin of gills
70′	smooth, without setae (Fig. 59b) ————————————————————————————————————
71(6	6') Labium with the 2 nd and 3 rd palpal segments almost completely fused together to form one large stout segment; tarsal claws without teeth and strongly hooked at apex (nymph lives in bivalves)
71′	Labium not as above
72(7	1') Venter of thorax with distinct thread-like thoracic gills attached near base of
72′	forelegs or hindlegs (Fig. 61b)
73(7	1') Dorsal surface of all tibiae with long transverse hair like setae (Fig. 62)
73′	Dorsal surface of all tibiae without long transverse hair like setae

74(73	') Labial palpi enlarged, terminal segment of maxillary palpi excavate
	Labiobaetis
74′	Labial palpi not enlarged, terminal segment of maxillary palpi not excavate 75
75(74') Body colour dark brown, posterior margin of abdominal segment V with row of	
	acute spines (Fig. 63)
75′	Body colour light brown, posterior margin of abdominal segment V with row of
	blunt setae (Fig. 64)

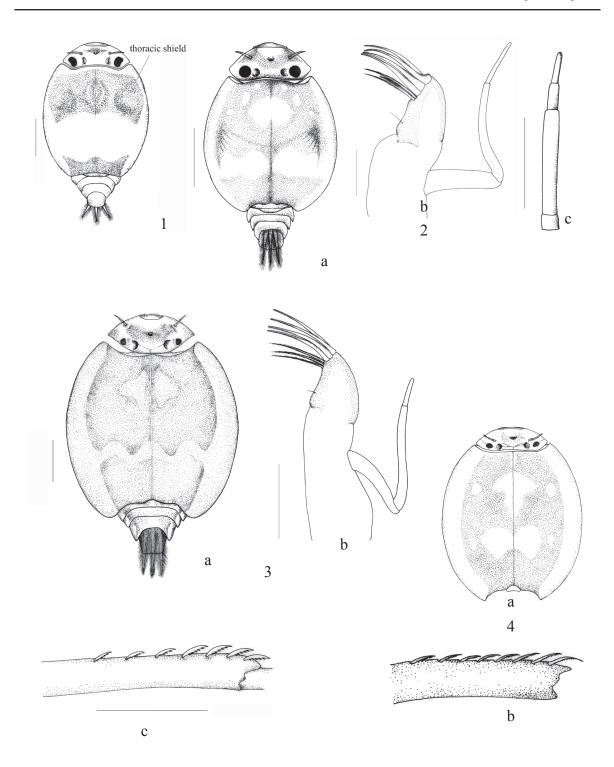


Fig. 1-4

1. Dorsal view of nymph of *Prosopistoma funanense* (redrawn from Soldán & Braasch, 1984, fig. 1); 2. Dorsal view of nymph (a), maxillary palp (b) and antenna (c) of *P. sinense*; 3. Dorsal view of nymph (a), maxillary palp and (b) apex of inner margin of fore tibiae (c) of *P. annamense*; 4. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and apex of inner margin of fore tibiae (b) of *P. wouterae* (redrawn from Peters, 1967, fig. 2, fig. 6).

Scale: (2b, 2c, 3b-c) 0.5 mm; (1, 2a, 3a) 1 mm

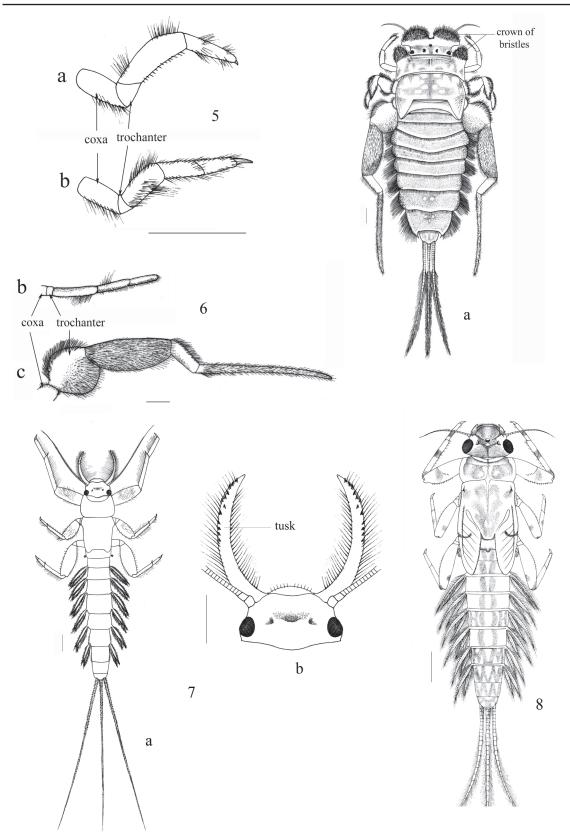


Fig. 5-8 5. Foreleg (a) and hindleg (b) of *Protobehningia merga*; 6. Dorsal view of nymph (a), foreleg (b) and hindleg (c) of *Behningia* sp.; 7. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and dorsal view of head (b) of *Polyplocia* sp.; 8. Dorsal view of nymph of *Potamanthus (Potamanthodes) formosus*.

Scale = 1 mm.

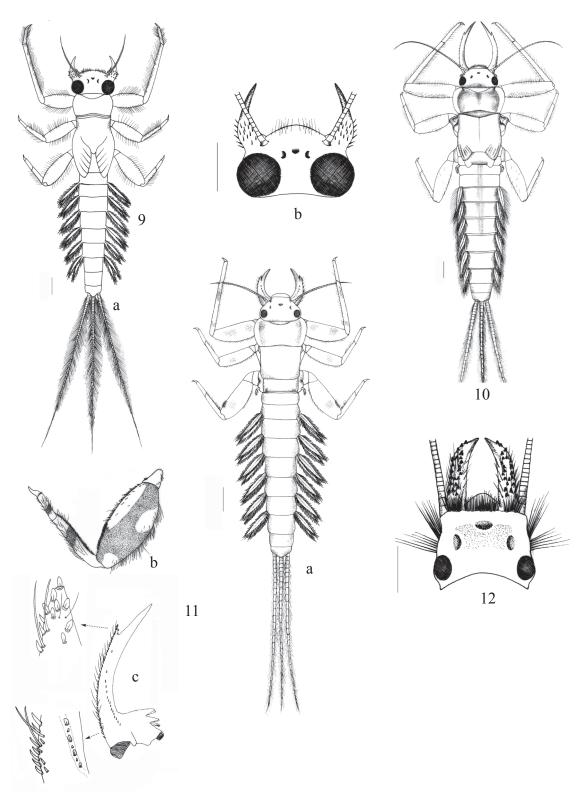


Fig. 9-12 9. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and dorsal view of head (b) of *Rhoenanthus* (*Potamanthindus*) obscurus; 10. Dorsal view of nymph of *Rhoenanthus* (*Rhoenanthus*) speciosus; 11. Dorsal view of nymph (a), dorsal view of hind leg (b) and mandibular tusk (c) of *R. (R.) distafurcus* (redrawn from Soldán & Putz, 2000, fig. 3, fig. 10); 12. Dorsal view of head of *Ephoron* sp. Scale = 1 mm.

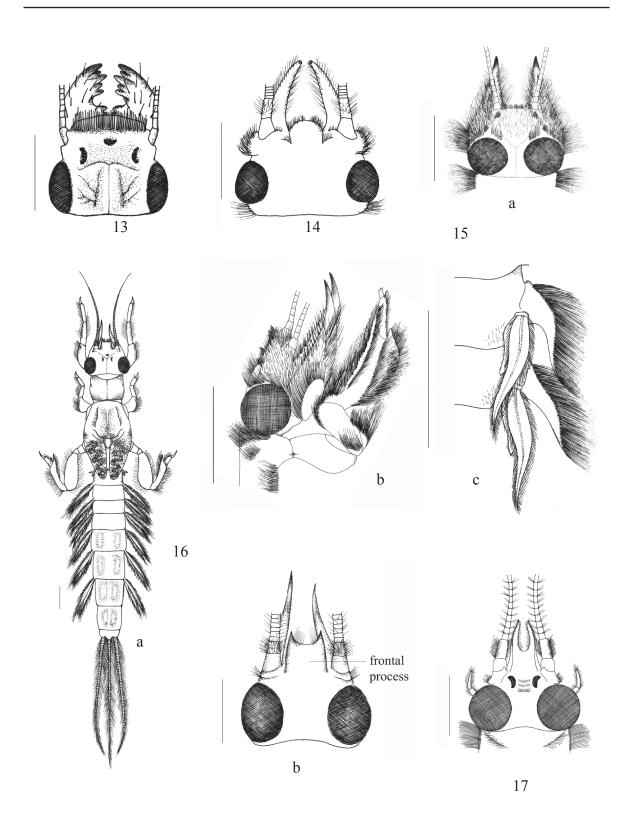


Fig. 13-17 13. Dorsal view of head of *Povilla (Povilla)* sp.; 14. Dorsal view of head of *Eatonigenia* sp. 15. Dorsal view of head (a), side view of head (b) and right abdomen (c) of Palingeniidae; 16. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and dorsal view of head (b) of *Ephemera (Ephemera)* sp.; 17. Dorsal view of head of *Afromera* sp. Scale = 1 mm.

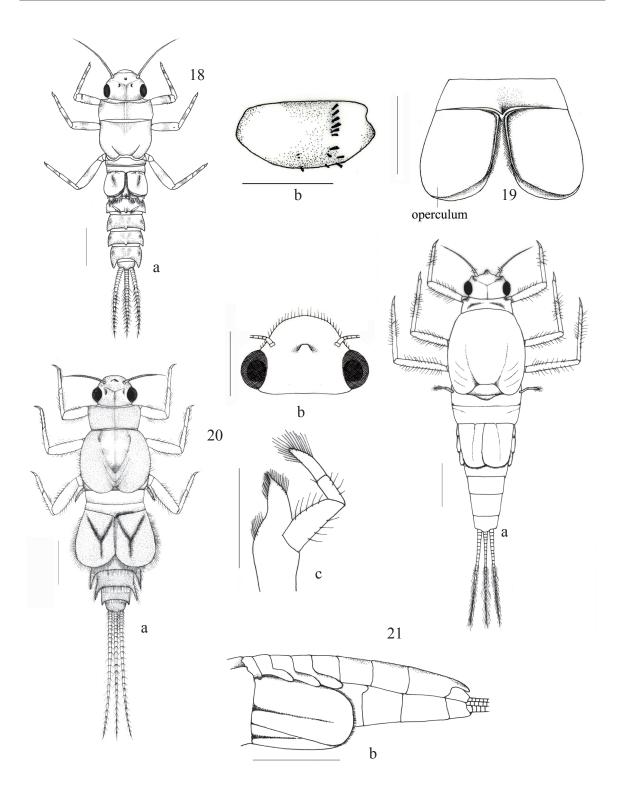


Fig. 18-21 18. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and dorsal view of fore femora (b) of *Potamanthellus caenoides*; 19. Dorsal view of opercular gills of *P. edmundsi*; 20. Dorsal view of nymph (a), dorsal view of head (b) and maxilla (c) of *Caenoculis* sp.; 21. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and side view of abdomen (b) of *Cercobrachys* sp.

Scale: (18b, 20c, 21b) 0.5 mm; (18a, 19, 20a-b, 21a) 1 mm.

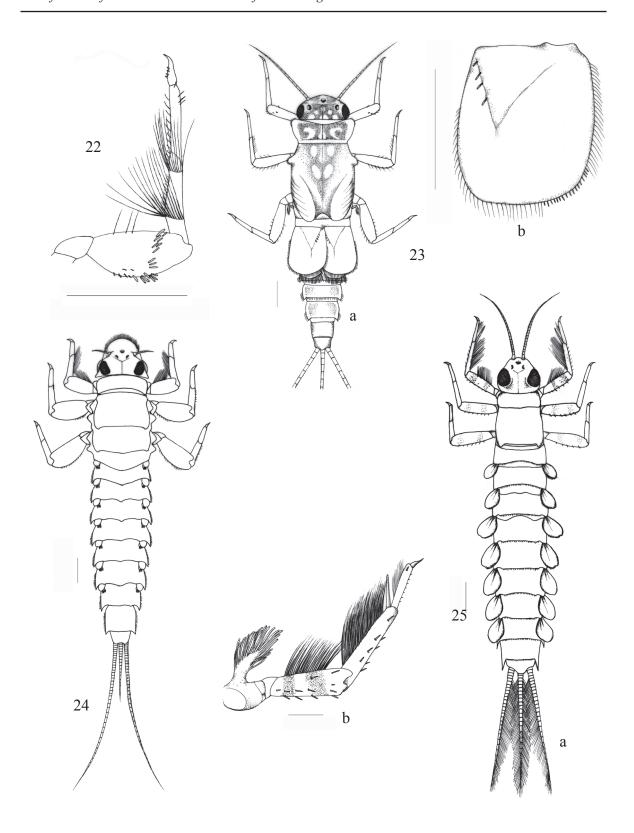


Fig. 22-25 22. Dorsal view of fore leg of *Clypeocaenis* sp.; 23. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and dorsal view of gill cover (b) of *Caenodes* sp.; 24. Dorsal view of nymph of *Chromarcys* sp.; 25. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and dorsal view of fore leg (b) of *Isonychia* sp.

Scale: (22, 23b) 0.5 mm; (23a, 24, 25) 1 mm.

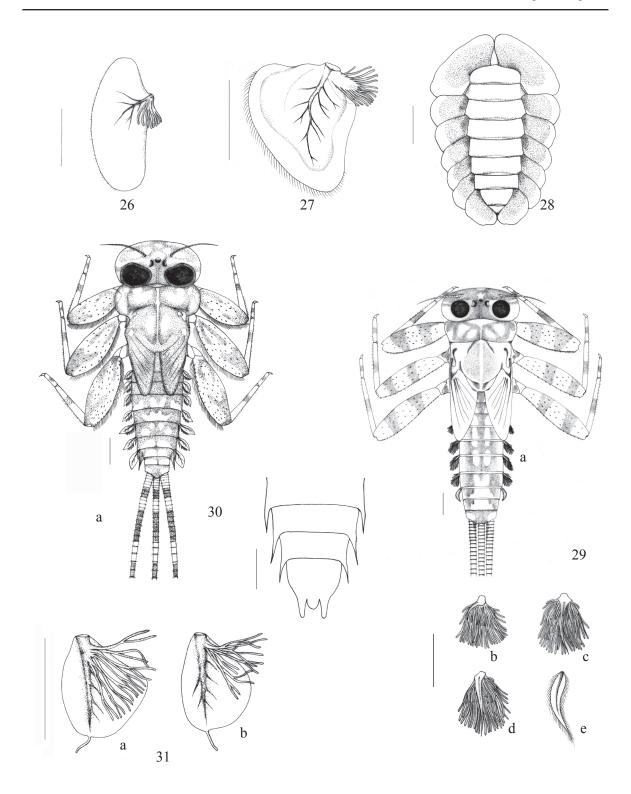


Fig. 26-31. 26. Gill I of *Iron* sp.; 27. Gill I of *Epeorus* sp.; 28. Ventral view of abdomen of *Rhithrogena* sp.; 29. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and gill I (b), III (c), V (d) and VII (e) of *Trichogenia maxillaris*; 30. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and ventral view of abdomen (b) of *Thalerosphyrus* sp.; 31. Ventral view of gills V (a) and VI (b) of *Cinygmina* sp.

Scale: (26, 27, 29b-e, 31) 0.5 mm; (28, 29a, 30) 1 mm.

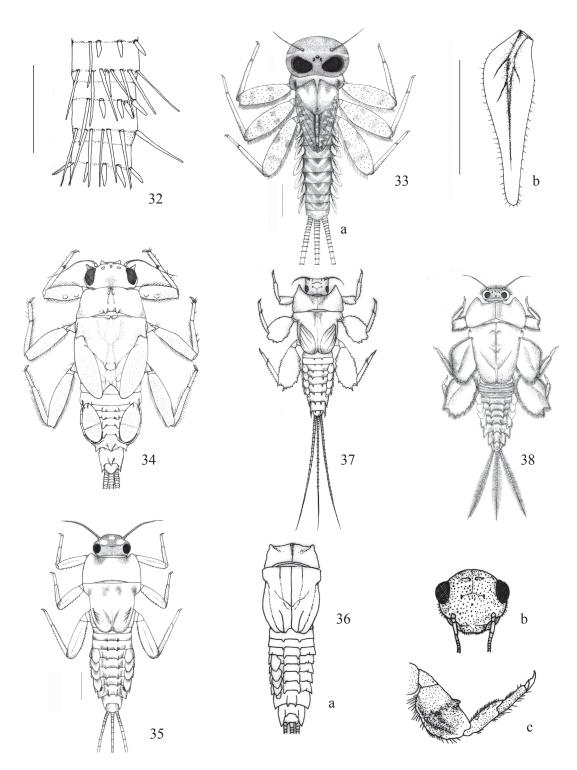


Fig. 32-38. 32. Spines on cerci of *Rhithrogeniella* sp.; 33. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and gill VII (b) of *Asionurus* sp.; 34. Dorsal view of nymph of *Hyrtanella* sp. (redrawn from Allen & Edmunds, 1976, fig.1).; 35. Dorsal view of nymph of *Cincticostella gosei*; 36. Dorsal view of thorax and abdomen (a) head (b) and fore leg (c) of *C. insolta* (redrawn from Allen, 1971, fig. 12, 14, 18); 37. Dorsal view of nymph of *C. boja* (redrawn from Gose, 1961, fig. 23); 38. Dorsal view of nymph of *C. femorata* (redrawn from Tshernova, 1972, fig. 5). Scale: (32, 33b) 0.5 mm; (33a, 34, 35, 37, 38) 1 mm.

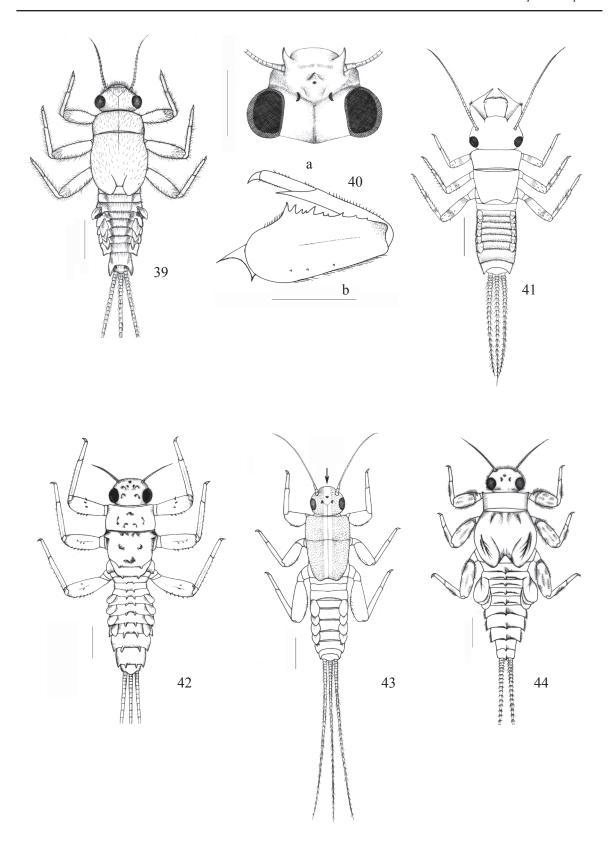


Fig. 39-44 39. Dorsal view of nymph of *Crinitella* sp.; 40. Dorsal view of head (a) and fore femur (b) of *Drunella* sp.; 41. Dorsal view of nymph of *Kangella* sp.; 42. Dorsal view of nymph of *Ephacerella commodema*; 43. Dorsal view of nymph of *Uracanthella* sp.; 44. Dorsal view of nymph of *Teloganodes* sp. Scale = 1 mm.

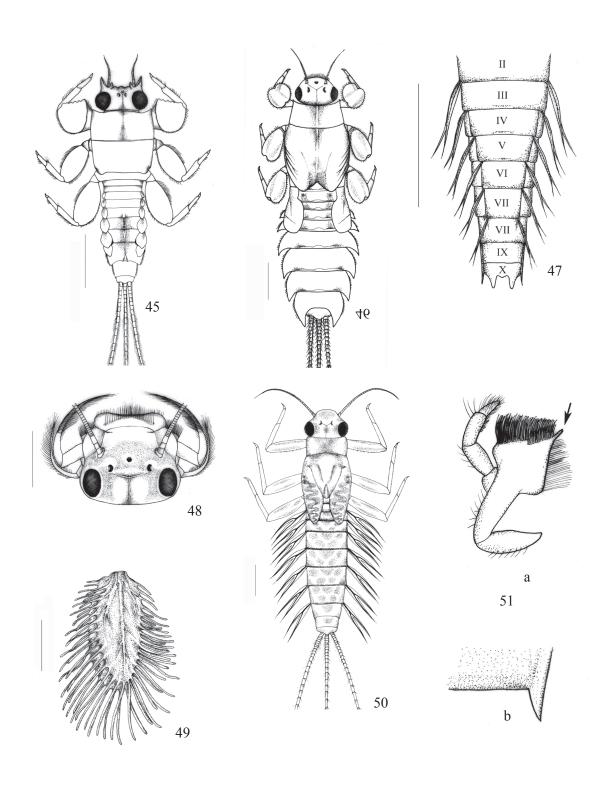


Fig. 45-51. 45. Dorsal view of nymph of *Vietnamella* sp.; 46. Dorsal view of nymph of *Teloganella* sp.; 47. Ventral view of abdomen of *Isca* sp.; 48. Dorsal view of head of *Choroterpides* sp.; 49. Lamellate gill of *Thraulus* sp.; 50. Dorsal view of nymph of *Habrophlebiodes* sp.; 51. Maxilla (a) and posterolateral spine (b) of *Cryptopenella* sp. (redrawn from Peters & Edmunds, 1970, fig. 336, fig. 344). Scale: (49) 0.5 mm; (45-48, 50) 1 mm.

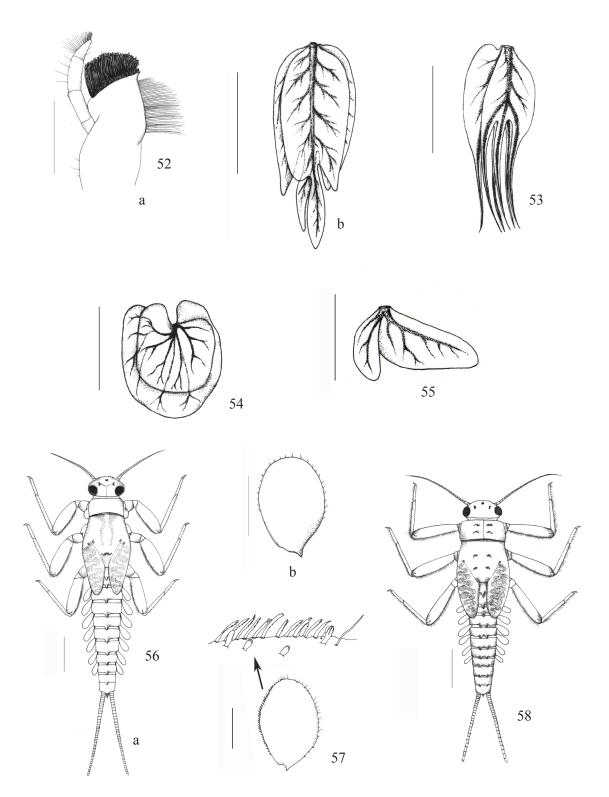


Fig. 52-58 52. Maxilla (a) and gills III-VII (b) of *Choroterpes (Choroterpes)* sp.; 53. Abdominal gills III-VII of *Choroterpes (Euthraulus)* sp.; 54. Gills I-VI of *Cloeon* sp.; 55. Gill of *Procloeon* sp.; 56. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and gill VI (b) of *Gratia narumonae*; 57. Gill VI of *Gratia sororculaenadinae* (redrawn from Thomas, 1992, fig. 16); 58. Dorsal view of nymph of *Baetiella* sp. Scale: (56b, 57) 0.3 mm; (52-55) 0.5 mm; (56a,58) 1 mm.

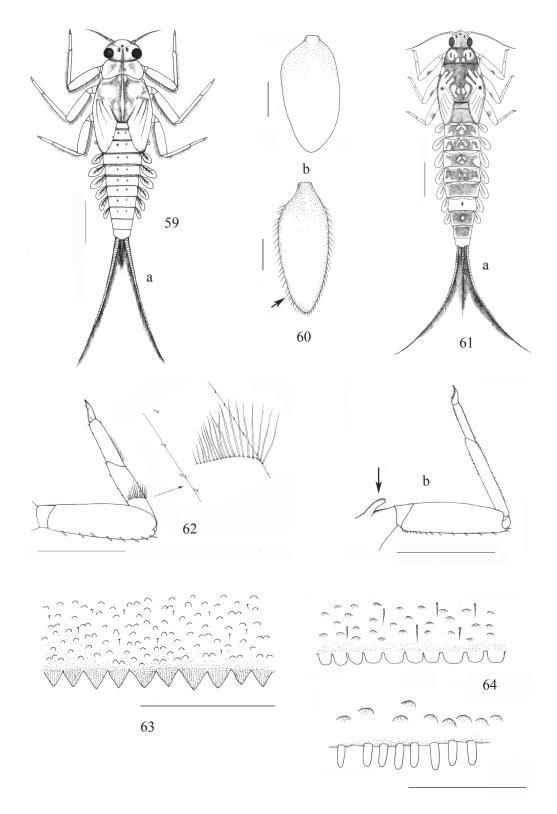


Fig. 59-64 59. Dorsal view of nymph (a) of and gill V (b) of *Platybaetis* sp.; 60. Gill V of *Acentrella* sp.; 61. Dorsal view of nymph (a) and foreleg (b) of *Heterocloeon* sp.; 62. Dorsal view of foreleg of *Centroptella* sp.; 63. Posterior margin of abdominal segment V of *Nigrobaetis* sp.; 64. Posterior margin of abdominal segment V of *Baetis* sp. (modified from Nguyen, 2003, fig. 399,403). Scale: (59b, 60, 63, 64) 0.1 mm; (61b, 62) 0.5 mm; (59a, 61a) 1 mm.

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Glossary

A

Aboral The part of the body opposite the mouth.

Acoelomate Without a body cavity between the outer body wall musculature

and gut.

Adductor A muscle that draws the two valves of a mollusc shell together.

Alloistrophic Protochonch and telechonch are in the different direction.

Ametabola Without metamorphosis.

Amictic The diploid eggs produced by female rotifers that can not be

fertilized.

Anteapical Just proximal of the apex.

Anteclypeus An anterior division of the clypeus.

Antenna A sensory appendage on the head of arthropods.

Antennal gland Excretory organ of crustaceans located in the antennal metamere.

Aperture An opening into the first whorl of a snail shell.

Apopyle Opening of the radial canal into the spongocoel of the sponges

Apterous Wingless.

Asconoid Simple canal system of sponges, with canal leading directly from

the water outside to the internal spongocoel.

Auricle The ear-like lobe in planarians.

В

Benthic Living on the substrates at the bottom of aquatic habitats.

Biramous Two branched.

Bipectinate Having branches on two sides like teeth of a comb.

Brachypterous With short wings that do not cover the abdomen.

Buccula One of two ridges on the underside of the head, on each side of the

beak.

 \mathbf{C}

Campodeiform An active larva with a shape that is elongate and flattened and has

well-developed legs and antennae.

Carapace Shield-like plate covering the cephalothorax of some crustacean

such as shrimps and crabs.

Cardiiform Heart-shaped.

Cardinal (tooth) One of two basic categories of teeth in bivalves, cardinal teeth and

lateral teeth.

Carina A keel or ridge.

Carpus Fourth of basically six segments of inner branch (endopod) of a

thoracopod.

Caudal Belonging to or relating to the tail.

Cephalothorax A body division found in some arthropods in which head is fused

with some or all of the thoracic segments.

Cercus (Cerci) One of a pair of appendages at the posterior end of the abdomen.

Cervical gill Gill on the neck.

Chelicerae A pair of anterior appendages in spiders and mites.

Chitin A horny substance made of nitrogenous oligosaccharides that

forms part of the cuticle of arthropods.

Choanocyte One of the flagellated collar cells that line cavities and canals of

sponges.

Claval suture The suture of the front wing separating the clavus from the

corium.

Clitellum A thickened portion of certain segments of oligochaetes and

leeches.

Cnidoblast Modified interstitial cell that holds the nematocyst in cnidarians.

Cocoon The protective covering for the developing embryos of some

annelids, or the protective covering and its pupa in endopterygote

insects.

Coelom An internal body cavity lying between the outer body wall

musculature and gut.

Collophore A tube-like structure located on the ventral side of the first

abdominal segment of collembolans.

Collumella (axis) Calcareous structure forming central axis of snail shells.

Commissure A structure that connects the left and right sides of a segment.

Connexival A line of contact between dorsal and ventral laterotergites on the

lateral margin of the abdomen.

Corium The elongate, thick, basal portion of the front wing.

Corneous Of a horny or chitinous substance; resembling horn in texture.

Corona Ciliated disc on anterior end of a rotifer.

Coxa The proximal joint of an arthropod leg or protopod.

Cruciform The relatively small muscle spanning posteroventrally between

valves; intersect in midbody to from cross.

Cuticle The noncellular organic protective layer of the body wall secreted

by the hypodermis of many invertebrates.

Clypeus A scerite on the lower part of the face, between the frons and the

labium.

D

Dactylus Seventh segment of thoracopod; may serve as movable element in

terminal pincer (chela).

Demarcation The action of fixing boundaries or limits, a dividing line.

Desclerotize Loss of sclerotin in normally sclerotized parts or structure.

Detritus Particles of dead organic matter suspended in water or lying on the

bottom.

Devoid Entirely lacking in.

Dextral On the right; in gastropods, shell is dextral if opening is to right of

columella when held with spire up and facing observer.

Dioecious Having separate sexes.

Diploblastic Possessing two distinct tissue layers during embryonic

development (ectoderm and endoderm).

Discoid Shape like a disc.

Distal Near or toward the free end of an appendage.

Divergence Become more separated distally.

Е

Ectoderm An outer germ layer of cells of an embryo.

Endoderm An innermost germ layer of embryo.

Endopterygote Having the wings developing internally; with complete

metamorphosis.

Elytra A thickened, leathery, or horny front wing.

Endopodite Medial branch of a biramous appendage of crustacean.

Epistome Flap over the mouth in some bryozoans.

Exoskeleton A supporting structure secreted by the epidermis of arthropods.

Exopodite Lateral branch of a biramous appendage in crustacean.

Exopterygote With the wing developing on the outside of the body, as in insects

with simple metamorphosis.

F

Femur The third leg segment, located between the trochanter and the tibia.

Filter feeding Any feeding process by which particulate food is filtered from

water in which it is suspended.

Fouling i) Contamination of feeding or respiratory area of snail by its waste

products.

ii) Accumulation of sessile organisms on the hull of a ship or boat.

Fovea A small pit or depression.

Furcula The forked spring apparatus of the Collembola.

G

Gastrodermis Lining of the digestive cavity of cnidarians.

Gastrovascular cavity Body cavity of the Cnidarians that functions in both digestion and

circulation and has a single opening serving as both mouth and

anus.

Gemmule Resistant cyst-like asexual reproduction unit of freshwater sponges.

Globose Spherical or nearly spherical.

Glossa One of a pair of lobes at the apex of the labium between the

paraglossae.

Glochidium Bivalve larval stage of freshwater pelecypod.

Н

Haltere A small knobbed structure on each side of the metathorax, formed

from a modified hind wing (in Diptera).

Hemimetabolous Having simple metamorphosis, like that in the Odonata,

Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera.

Hemelytra The front wing of Hemiptera.

Hinge teeth The teeth along dorsal margin which function during opening and

closing of shell.

Hirsute Having abundant setae on the body, setose.

Homeostrophic Protoconch and teleconch are in the same direction.

Hypognathous With the head and the mouthparts directed ventrally.

Hypostomium A mound-like structure located around the mouth in hydras.

I

Imago The adult or reproductive stage of an insect.

Infracoxal Below the coxa.

Ischium Second of basically six segments of inner branch (endopod) of

thoracopod.

L

Labium The lower lip of insect.

Labrum The upper lip of insect.

Lamelliform Plate-like shape.

Laminate Plate-like structure.

Lanceolate Spear-shaped, tapering at each end.

Larva An immature stage in the life history of many invertebrates in

which morphology differs from adults.

Ligula The terminal lobe of the labium, the glossae and paraglossae.

Lorica A secreted, protective covering in rotifers.

Lophophore Tentacle-bearing ridge which is an extension of the coelomic cavity

in Bryozoa (Ectoprocta).

M

Macropterous Fully winged.

Malpighian tubules Excretory organs of insects and some arthropods; they are blind

tubes opening into the hindgut.

Mantle Soft extension of the body wall in molluscs which secretes a shell.

Mastax Pharyngeal mill of rotifers.

Membranous Like a membrane.

Mentum The distal part of the labium, which bears the palps and the ligula.

Mesoepimeron The epimeron of the mesothorax.

Mesoglea Jellylike material between the epidermis and gastrodermis of

cnidarians.

Mesohyl The jellylike matrix surrounding cells of sponges.

Mesosternum The sternum, or ventral sclerite, of the mesothorax.

Metamorphosis A change in form during development.

Molt A process of shedding the exoskeleton; ecdysis; to shed the

exoskeleton.

Monecious Having both male and female in one individual.

N

Nacreous Innermost layer of mollusc shell, secreted by mantle epithelium.

Nematocyst Stinging organelle of cnidarians.

Nodate A strong crossvein near the middle of the costal border of the wing.

Nymph An immature stage of an insect that does not have a pupal stage.

Nauplius A free-swimming larval stage of certain crustaceans, with three

pairs of appendages: antennules, antennae and mandible; and a

median (nauplius) eye.

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Occipital ridge A ridge extending between the compound eyes on the caudodorsal

angle of the head.

Occiput The dorsal posterior part of the head between the occipital and

postoccipital sutures.

Ocellus A simple eye or eye spot in many invertebrates.

Operculum A lid or plate closing the opening into a snail shell.

Osculum Excurrent opening of sponges.

Ostium Any opening through which water enters a sponge.

Ostiole A small opening.

Oviparous Reproduction in which eggs are released by female; development

of offspring occurs outside the maternal body.

Ovoviviparous Reproduction in which eggs develop within the maternal body and

hatch within the mother, or immediately after laying.

P

Palp A segmented process born by the maxillae or labium.

Palpiger The lobe of the mentum of the labium that bears the palp.

Papilla A small nipplelike elevation.

Paraglossa One of a pair of lobes at the apex of the labium, lateral to the

glossae.

Paramere A lobe or process at the base of the aedeagus (in male genitalia).

Parasitoid An animal that feeds in or on another living animal of a relatively

long time, consuming all or most of its tissues and eventually

killing it.

Parthenogenesis Development of an unfertilized egg into a functional adult.

Penultimate Next to the last.

Pereopod Last five thoracic appendages, walking legs in decapods.

Peripheral Structure or location distant from center, near outer boundaries.

Peristome Around the mouth.

Pilose Covered with setae.

Pinacocyte Flattened cells comprising dermal epithelium in sponges.

Plankton Floating organisms that have limited locomotory capabilities and

therefore are distributed by water movements.

Pleopod (Swimmeret) Abdominal appendages modified as copulatory structures

(e.g. gonopod in male, egg brooding structure in female) or as

swimming structures.

Pneumostome The opening of the mantle cavity (lung) of pulmonate gastropods

to the outside.

Polyp The sessile stage in the life cycle of cnidarians.

Prehensile Adapted for grasping.

Prementum The distal part of the labium.

Proboscis A tubular sucking or feeding organ with the mouth at the end found

in planarians, leeches and lepidopteran insects.

Prognathous Having the head horizontal and the mouthparts projecting forward.

Proleg One of the fleshy abdominal legs of certain insect larvae.

Pronotum The dorsal sclerite of the prothorax.

Propodus Sixth segment of appendage, between carpus and dactylus.

Prosternum The sternum, or ventral sclerite, of the prothorax.

Protoconch (Nuclear whorls) At apex of shell, whorl or whorls formed by larval snail.

Protonephridia Primitive osmoregulatory or excretory organs consisting of a

tubule terminating internally with flame bulb.

Protuberance Thing that protrudes.

Pseudocardinal tooth The cardinal tooth in certain bivalves; cardinal tooth is not

separated from lateral tooth on hinge and is somewhat irregular.

Pubescence Covering of short, fine setae.

Punctate Pitted or beset with punctures.

R

Radula Rasping tongue in some molluscs.

Reniform Kidney-shaped.

Retractor Capable of being pushed out and drawn back in.

Retreat Refuge or isolated place.

Rhabdite Rodlike structures in the cells of the epidermis or underlying

parenchyma in certain turbellarians. They are discharged in

mucous secretions.

Rhomboid A quadrilateral of which only the opposite sides and angles are

equal.

Rostrum A snout-like projection on the head.

S

Saccoid gill A swollen sac-like gill.

Scent gland A gland producing an odorous substance.

Sclerotization Process of hardening the cuticle of arthropods by the formation

of stabilizing cross-linkages between peptide chains of

adjacentprotein molecules.

Scutellum A sclerite of the thoracic notum; a mesoscutellum as a more or less

triangular sclerite behind the pronotum.

Septa Mesodermal sheet separating adjacent segments, as in annelids.

Serrate Toothed along the edge like a saw.

Sessile Attached or fastened, incapable of moving from place to place;

attached directly, without a stem or stalk.

Seta A needlelike chitinous structure of the integument of annelids,

arthropods, and others; a bristle.

Sinistral Left-handed; pertaining to the left; in gastropods, shell is sinistral

if opening is to the left of columella when held with spire up and

facing observer.

Siphon Tubular extension of the mantle margin.

Snout The projecting nose and mouth of an animal.

Spatulate Spoon-shaped.

Spicule Calcareous and siliceous skeletal formations present in the tissues

of sponges.

Spiracle External opening of a trachea in arthropods.

Spongocoel Central cavity of sponges.

Sternum Ventral sclerite of an abdominal segment of arthropods.

Sternite Ventral plate of an abdominal segment.

Stipes The second segment, or division, of a maxilla, which bears the

palp, the galea, and the lacinia.

Stridulate To make a noise by rubbing two structures or surfaces together.

Subgenital plate A platelike sternite that underlies the genitalia.

Subimago The first of two winged instars of a mayfly after it emerges from

the water.

Supracoxal Above the coxa.

Suture An external line-like groove in the wall, forms a border between

two adjoining whorls in gastropod shells.

Syncytium A mass of protoplasm containing many nuclei and not divided into

cells.

Т

Tagmata A compound body section of an arthropod resulting from

embryonic fusion of two or more segments.

Tarsomere A segment of tarsus.

Tarsus The leg segment immediately beyond the tibia.

Teleconch All shell whorls exclusive of protoconch.

Telson The posterior part of the last abdominal segment; the posterior

nonmetameric portion of the body.

Tenaculum A minute structure on the ventral side of the third abdominal

segment that serves as a clasp for the furcula of Collembola.

Tergum Dorsal part of an arthropod body segment.

Trachea A spirally-ringed, internal, elastic air tube in insects; an element of

the respiratory system.

Trapezoidal A quadrilateral with one pair of sides parallel.

Triploblastic Three primary germ layers of metazoan embryo: ectoderm,

mesoderm and endoderm.

Trochanter A segment of the insect leg between the coxa and the femur.

Trochantin A small sclerite in the thoracic wall immediately anterior to the

base of the coxa.

Trochophore larva Free-swimming larva of some snails.

Tubercle A small knoblike rounded protuberance.

Turret (shaped) Tower shaped.

IJ

Umbilicus Depression or cavity at base of body whorl.

Umbo The prominences on either side of the hinge region in a bivalve

shells.

Urogomphi Fixed or movable cercus-like processes on the last segment of a

beetle larva.

Uropod One of the terminal pair of lobe-like abdominal appendages.

V

Veliger Larval form of certain molluscs; develops from the trochophore

and has the beginning of a foot, mantle and shell.

Velum A membrane on the subumbrella surface of jellyfishes of class

Hydrozoa; or a ciliated swimming organ of a snail larva.

Verge Penis; male copulatory structure often located on head of snail.

Vestigial Small, poorly developed, degenerate, non functional.

Visceral mass Region of dorsoposterior body of a gastropod, generally well

separated from head/foot, containing most of digestive, excretory,

circulation and reproduction systems.

Viviparous Reproduction in which eggs develop within the female body.

W

Whorl Any complete coil or exposed surface of complete coil in

gastropod.

Z

Zooecium Cuticular sheath or shell of Bryozoa (Ectoprocta).

Zooid A single member of a colony.