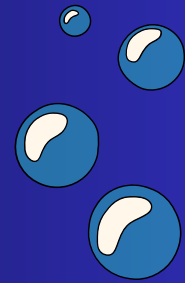




The Stonefly

Order: Plecoptera



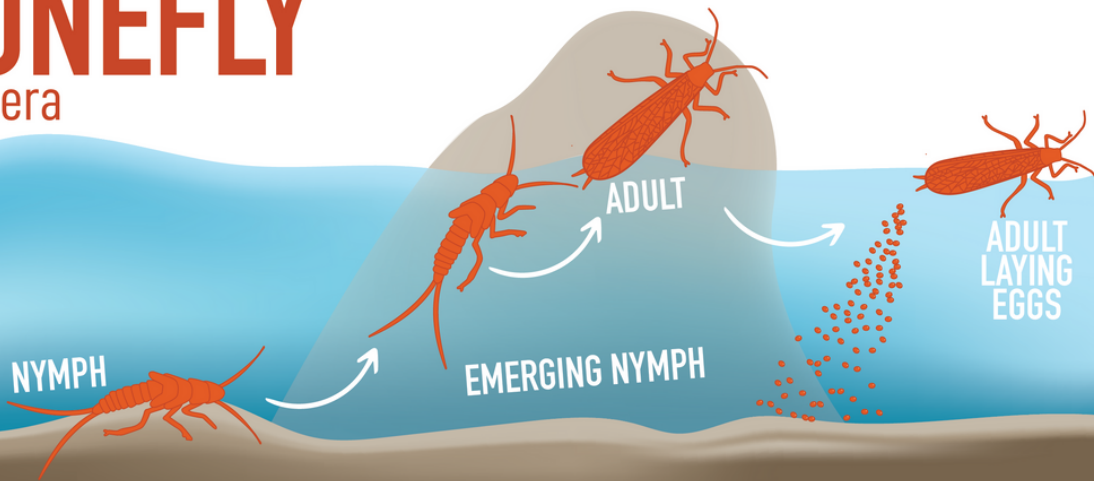
Wait, what is that?

Most of the time, it is easy to spot a stonefly because of their unique wings. They fold over the top, sides, and back of the insect. They come in a variety of color patterns too, making them fun to look at and study!



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Habitat

Do you like the water? So do stoneflies! In fact, they spend a majority of their life in the water. Many fly-fishermen look out for these as they are a popular snack for trout!

Nymphs

After hatching out of their eggs, the “baby” stoneflies are called nymphs or larva. The larva actually have cool little claws on their legs that help them hold on to rocks and other things in their environment. In fact, If you pick one of these up, you will be able to feel it “cling” onto your hand !



Credits :

Photos:

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