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Animal Fact Sheet

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Caddisfly

Trichoptera spp.

Caddisfly larvae are underwater builders. Most spin silk from modified salivary glands — a silk that cures in water, which is a genuinely difficult chemical problem and is being studied intensively a…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Various (e.g., Limnephilidae, Hydropsychidae, Leptoceridae)
Habitat: Freshwater streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years (including larval stage); adults live 1-2 weeks
Weight: 10-50 mg
Scientific name: Trichoptera spp.

Did you know?

- Adult caddisflies are weak fliers and are often mistaken for small moths, but they are more closely related to butterflies.
- The French artist Hubert Duprat removed caddisfly larvae from their cases and offered them gold flakes, pearls, opals and turquoise; the larvae dutif…

What I learned

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