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Caddisfly

Trichoptera spp.

Caddisflies are small, moth-like insects found near freshwater habitats worldwide. Their aquatic larvae are well known for building protective cases out of sand, plant material, and other debris, whi...

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.
- Caddisfly larvae are famous for using silk to glue together tiny objects to build their portable cases. Some jewelers use live caddisfly larvae to cr...

What I learned
