

# Benthic Macroinvertebrates

## Taxa 1 High Quality Water

The critters we find tell us about the quality of the water they have been living in. Certain macroinvertebrates **ONLY** live in high quality water. If we find them, we can know that the quality of the water has been high for several months. We call this group Taxa 1.



Caddisfly larvae (stick case)



Caddisfly larvae (stone case)



Caddisfly larvae (leaf case)



Gilled snails



Hellgrammite (Dobsonfly larvae)



Stonefly nymphs



Watersnipe fly larvae

Adults do not always live in the water, but lay their eggs in water.



Caddisfly adult



Stonefly adult