Freshwater macroinvertebrates

name	characteristics
beetle larva	three pairs of jointed legs some have external gills without joints at the end of the body biting jaws small antennae simple eyes
beetle adult insect	 three pairs of jointed legs no external gills biting jaws small antennae abdomen covered by a pair of wings without veins compound eyes
alderfly larva	 three pairs of jointed legs two claws per leg behind the legs seven pairs of external jointed gills single jointed tail biting jaws small antennae simple eyes
caddisfly larva	 three pairs of jointed legs small antennae some species carry a case of stones or plant material two short tails at the end of the body one claw per tail simple eyes
true fly larva	No jointed legs body whitish, head brownish no antennae no eyes

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flatworm	 No legs soft unsegmented body front end with two or more dot like eyes movement gliding
oligochaet	 No legs soft segmented body no suckers front end not different from rear end movement wriggling
leech	 no legs soft segmented body sucker at the front and rear end front end with two or more dot like eyes movement snaking or looping using the suckers
crustacean	 Five or more pairs of jointed legs legs have often appendages two pairs of antennae compound eyes
mayfly larva	 Three pairs of jointed legs one claw per leg external gills on the abdomen long antennae wing buds on the thorax three jointed tails compound eyes
stonefly larva	 Three pairs of jointed legs two claws per leg wing buds on the thorax two jointed tails long antennae compound eyes