

## **NEUROPTERA - REQUIRED TAXA**

### I. Suborder Megaloptera

- 1) Family Sialidae
- 2) Family Corydalidae

### II. Suborder Rhaphidioptera

- 1) Family Rhaphidiidae

### III. Suborder Planipennia

#### A. Superfamily Hemerobioidea

- 1) Family Mantispidae
- 2) Family Hemerobiidae
- 3) Family Chrysopidae
- 4) Family Sisyridae

#### B. Superfamily Myrmeleontoidea

- 1) Family Myrmeleontidae
- 2) Family Ascalaphidae

# **NEUROPTERA**

Common Name: Lacewings; dobsonflies, antlions.

Etymology: Neuro = nerve; -ptera = wing.

Metamorphosis: Holometabolous; terrestrial or aquatic larvae.

## CHARACTERISTICS

Body: Small to very large; soft-bodied; larvae campodeiform; pupae exarate in a silken cocoon.

Head: Small prognathous head which is free.

Mouthparts: Chewing, ectognathous; larvae grasping-sucking.

Eyes: Compound eyes; dorsal ocelli 2 or 3.

Antennae: Usually filiform; variable in length.

Wings: Two pairs, similar in size and appearance; net-veined; usually held rooflike over the body at rest.

Legs: Short, slender; 5-segmented tarsi; paired post-tarsal claws.

Abdomen: Cerci lacking; gills on aquatic immatures.

Comments: Mostly weak fliers; most beneficial.

## SUBORDERS

Megaloptera: Hindwings broader at base than front wings; longitudinal veins do not have branches near wing margin.

Families: Sialidae and Corydalidae.

Raphidiodea (Rhaphidioptera): Prothorax elongate; front legs similar to other legs and are borne at posterior end of prothorax.

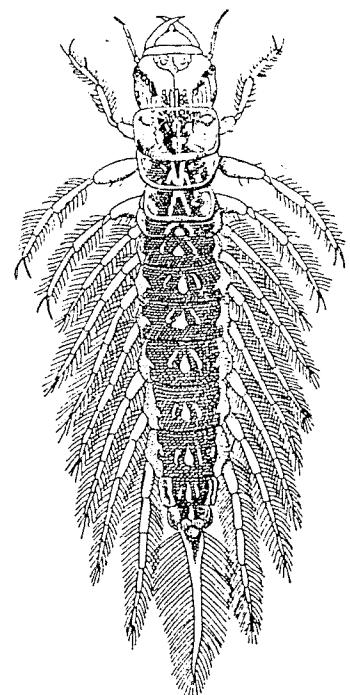
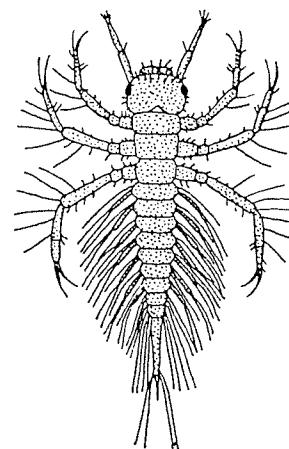
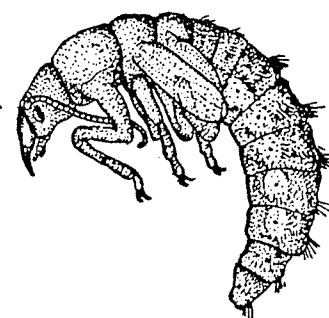
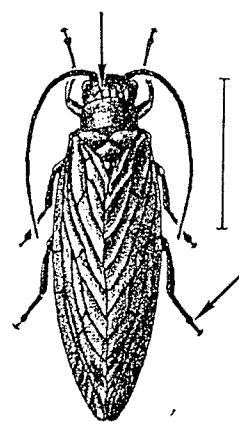
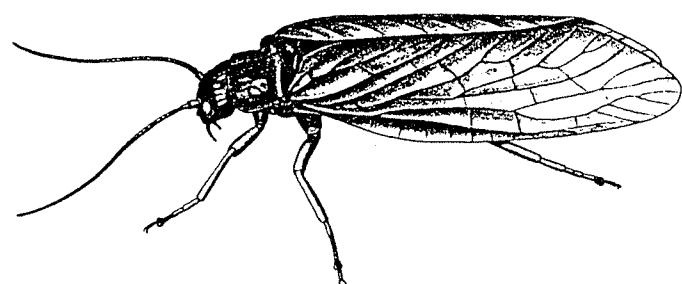
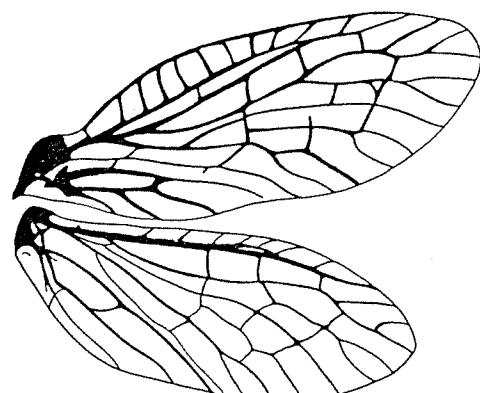
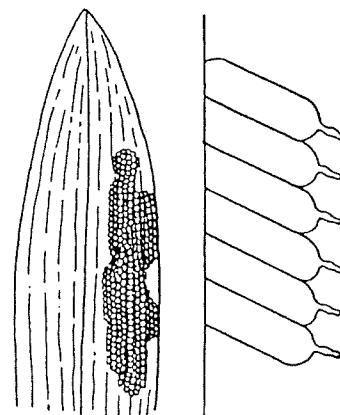
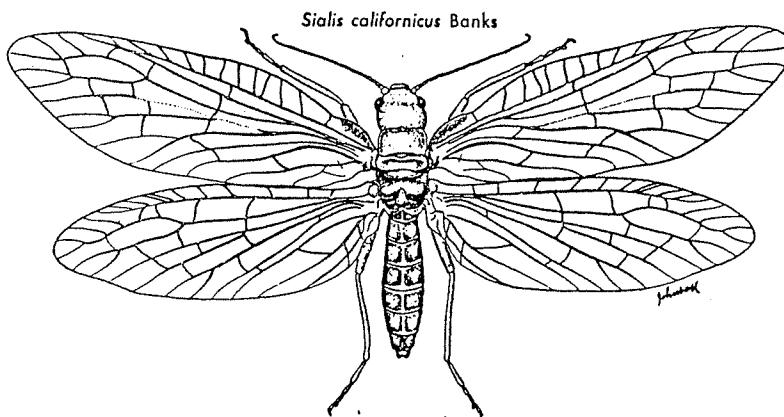
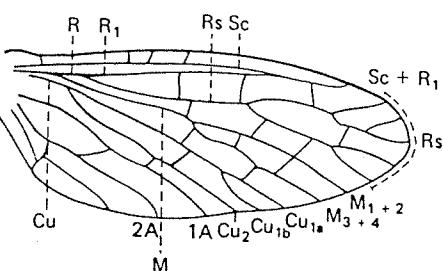
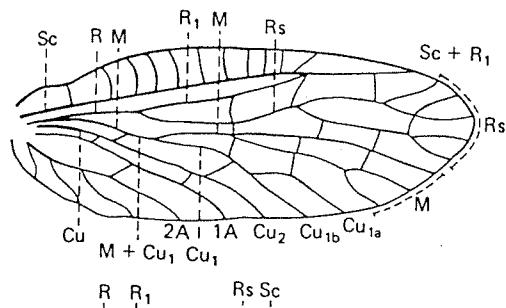
Family: Raphidiidae.

Planipennia (Neuroptera): Wings similar in size and shape; longitudinal veins in wings often have branches near wing margin.

Hemerobioidea Families: Mantispidae, Hemerobiidae, Chrysopidae, Berothidae, Sisyridae.

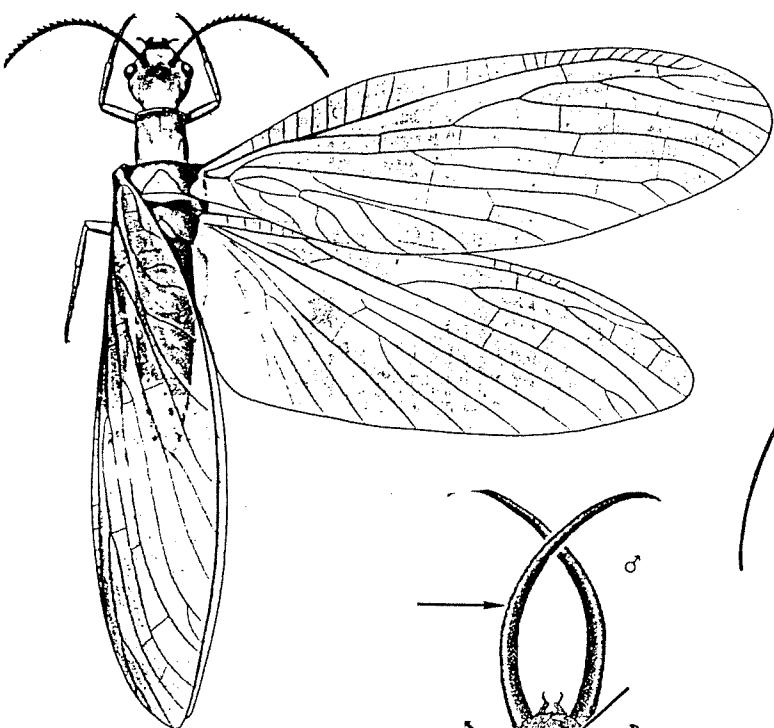
Myrmeleontoidea Families: Myrmeleontidae, Ascalaphidae.

NEUROPTERA: Megaloptera  
Family Sialidae  
Alderflies

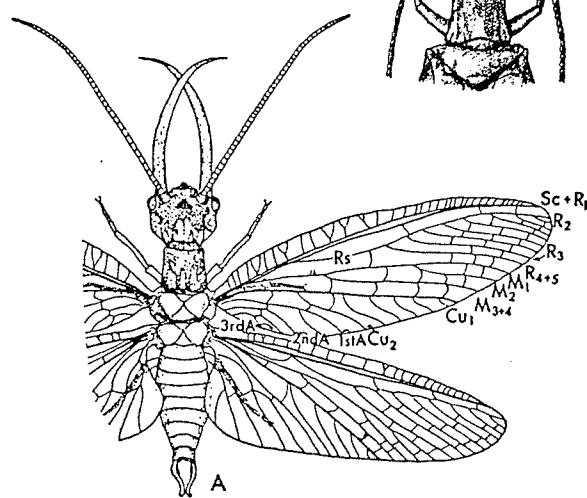


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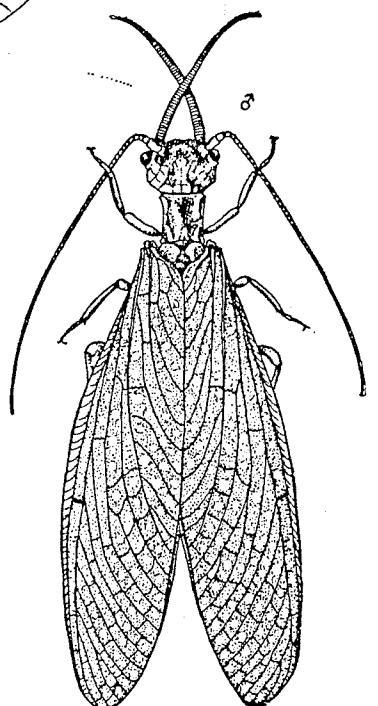
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**Family Corydalidae**  
**Dobsonflies & Fishflies**



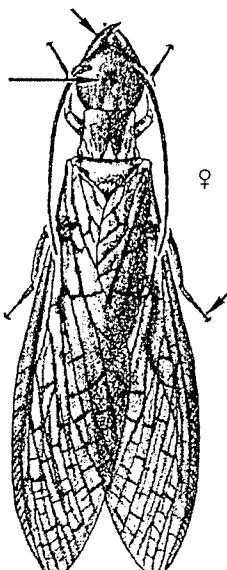
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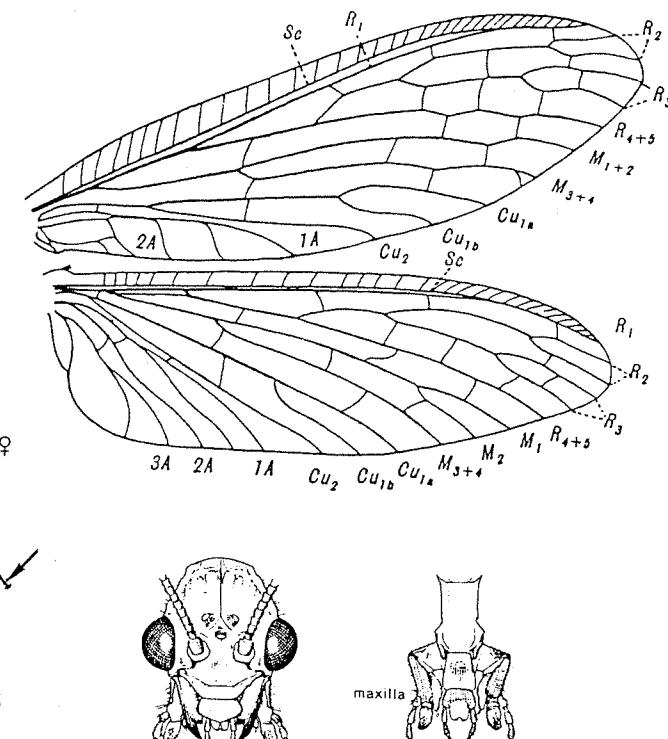
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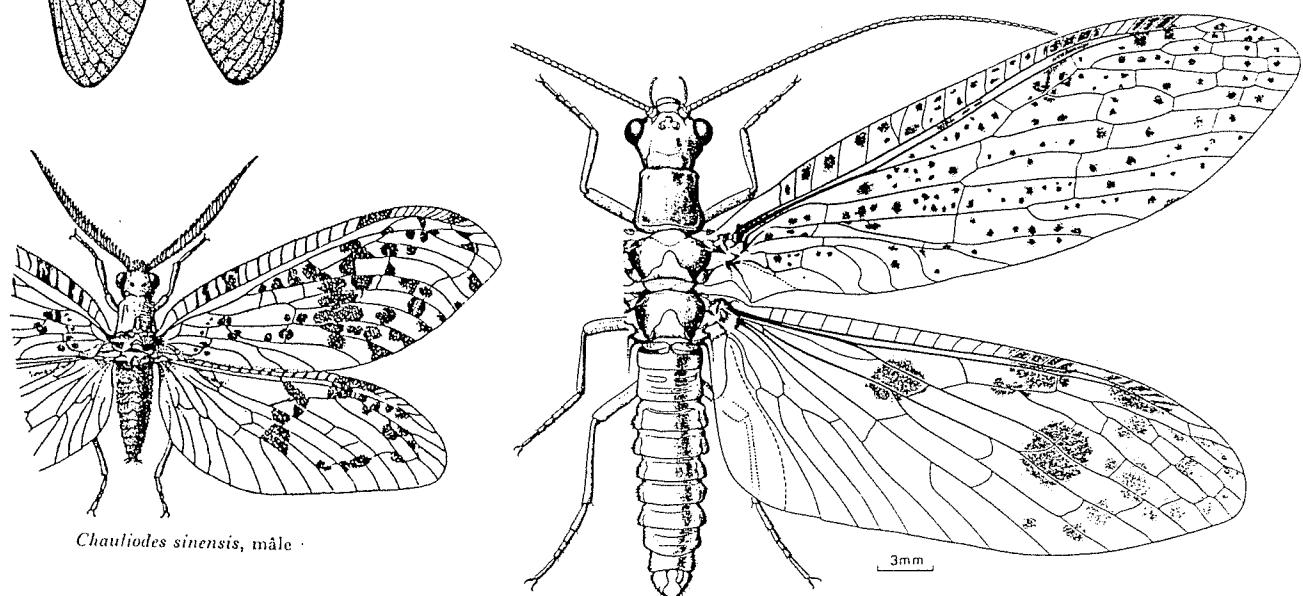
Chauliodes sinensis, mâle



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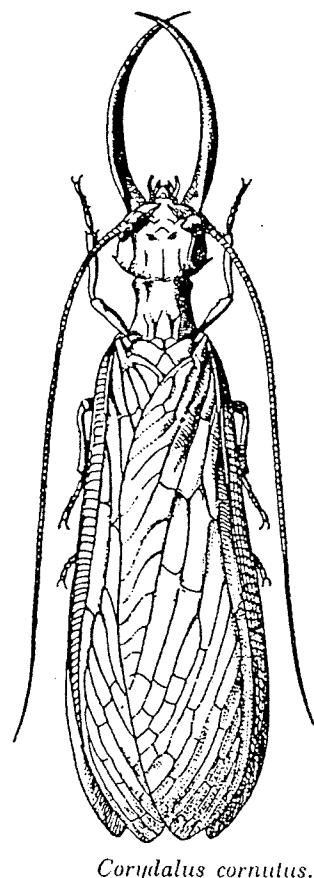


Archichauliodes sp.: A, head, frontal; B, maxillae and labium,  
 [M. Quick]

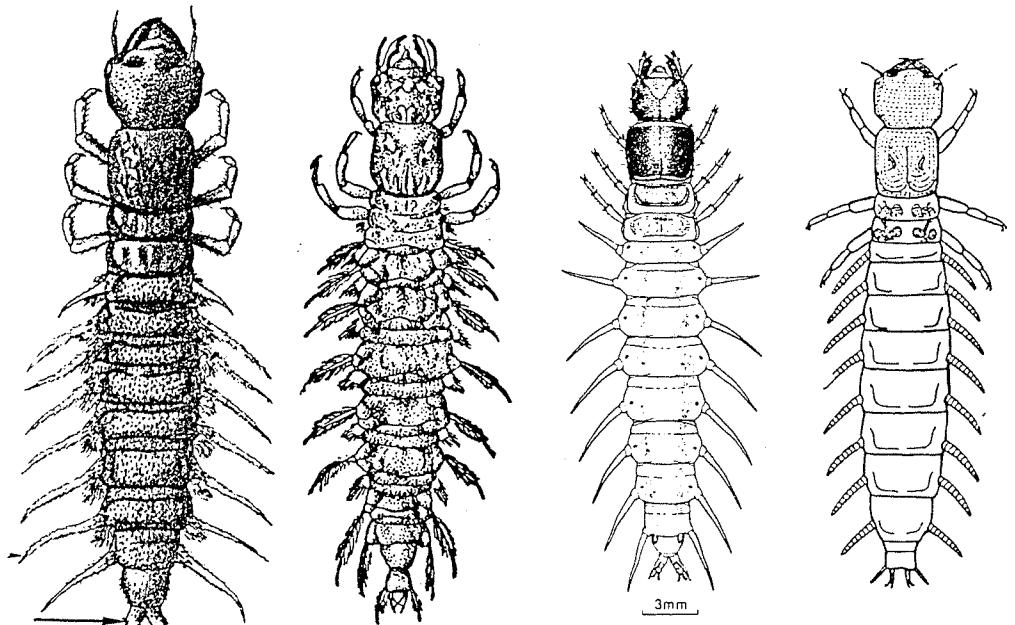
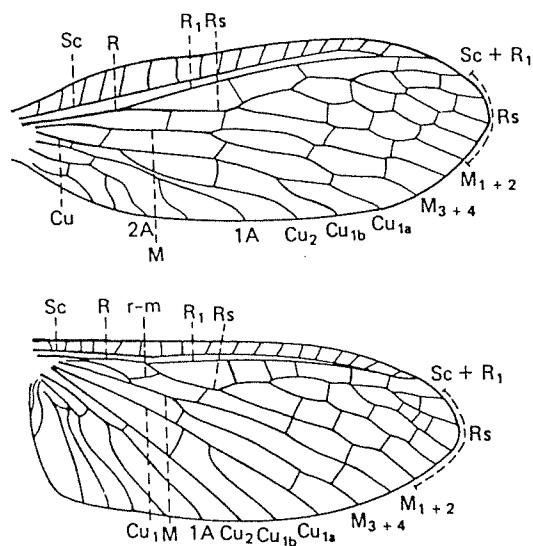


Archichauliodes sp., Corydalidae.

**NEUROPTERA: Megaloptera**  
**Family Corydalidae**  
**Dobsonflies & Fishflies**



*Corydalus cornutus.*



HELLGRAMMITE (Corydalidae)

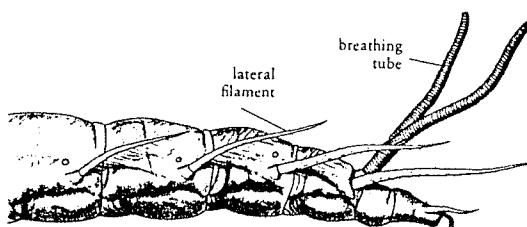
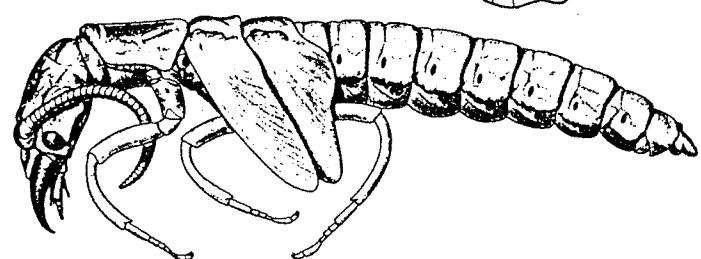


Figure 11.3. *Chauliodes* larva,  
end of abdomen (lateral)

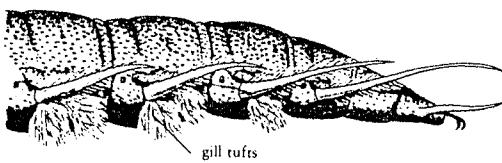
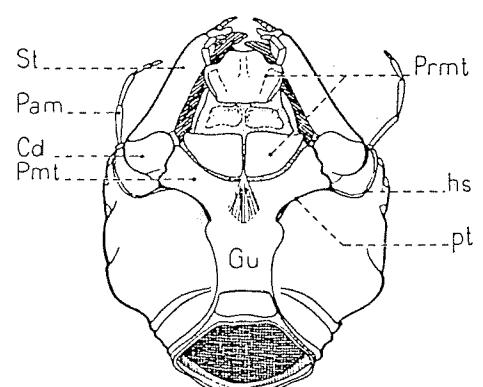
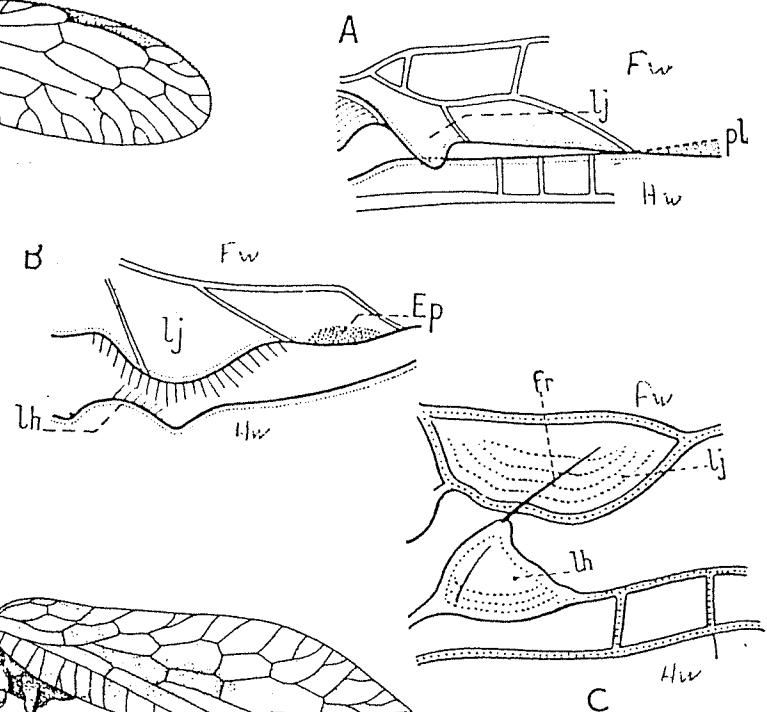
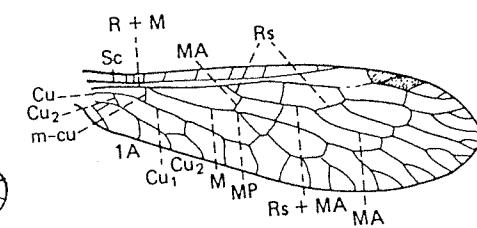
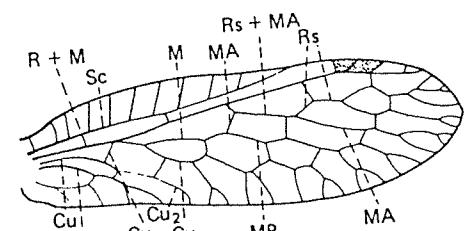
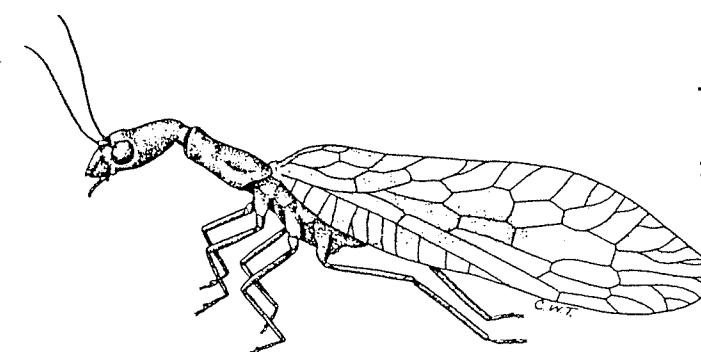
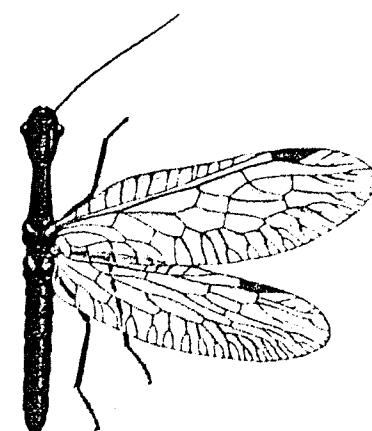
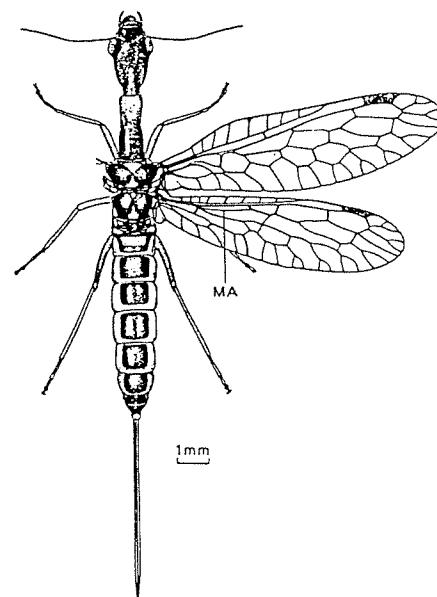
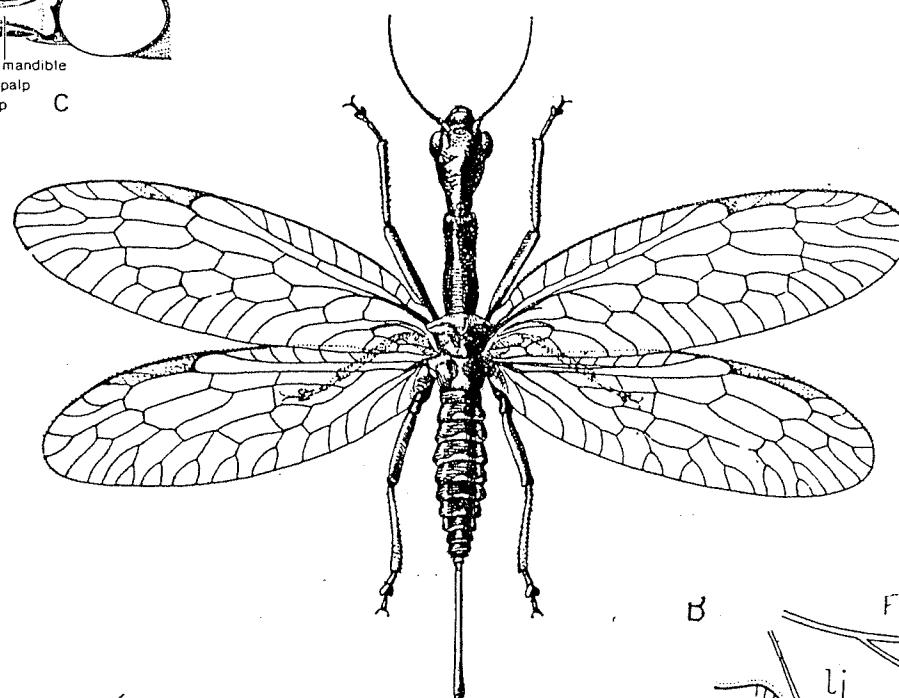
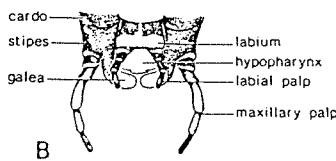
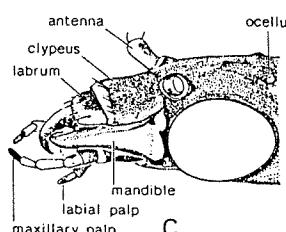
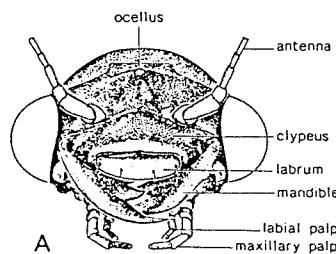


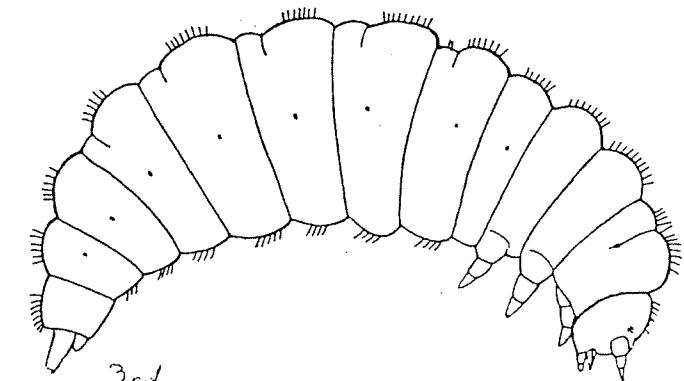
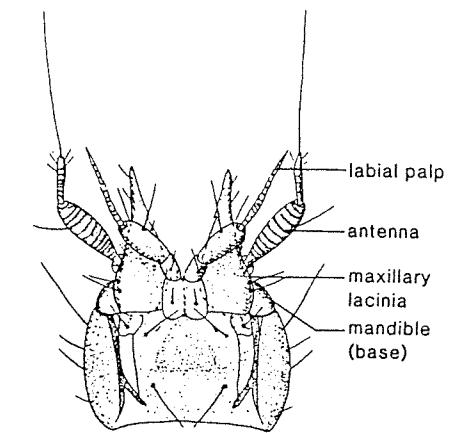
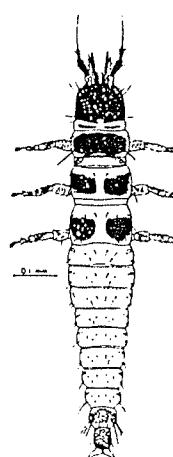
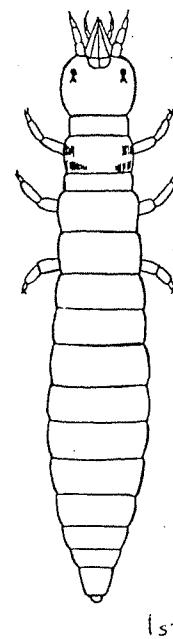
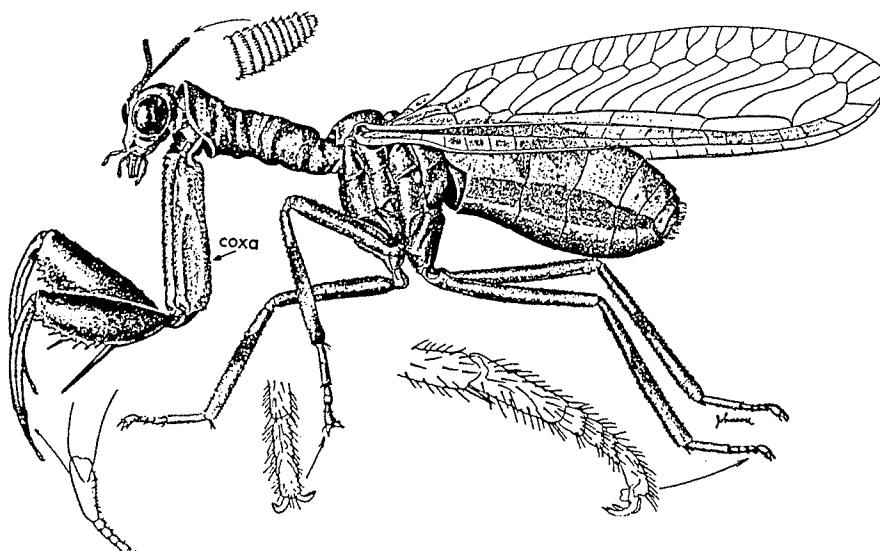
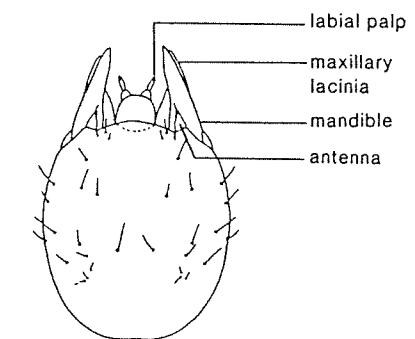
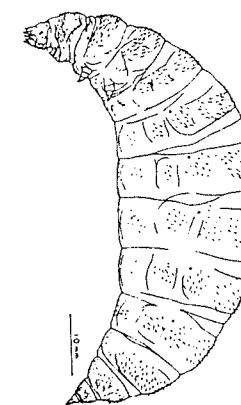
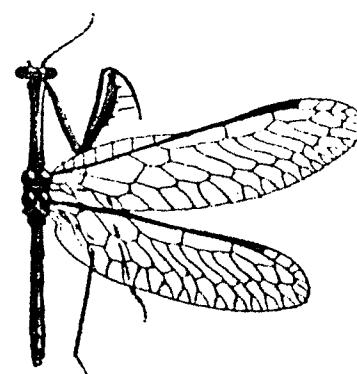
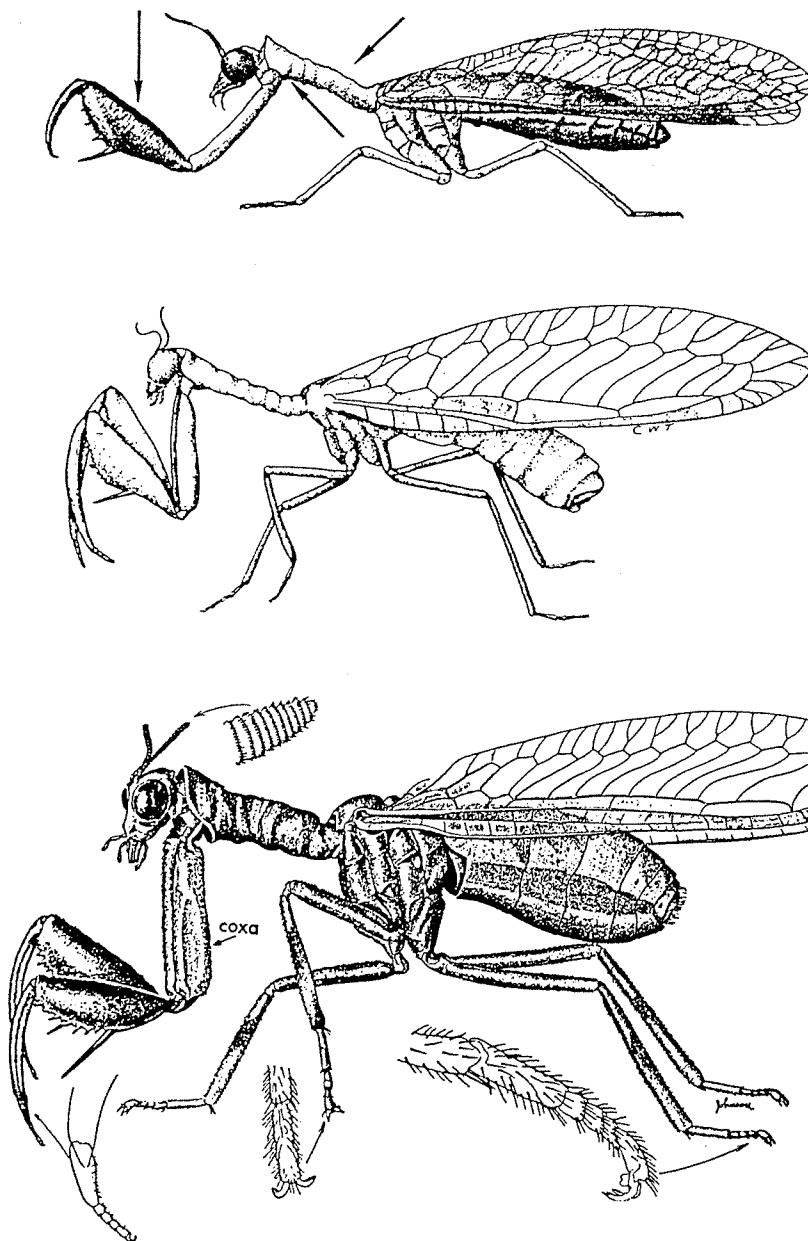
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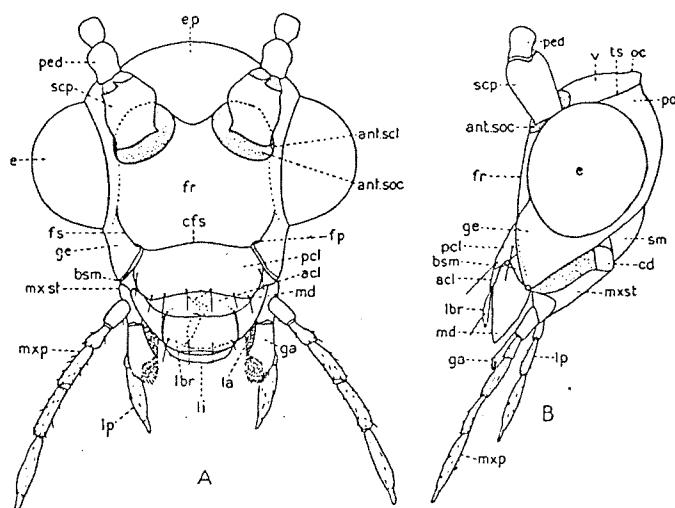
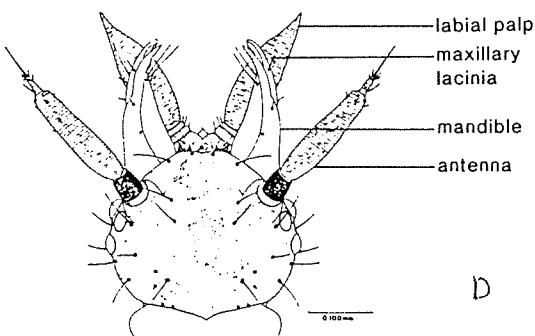
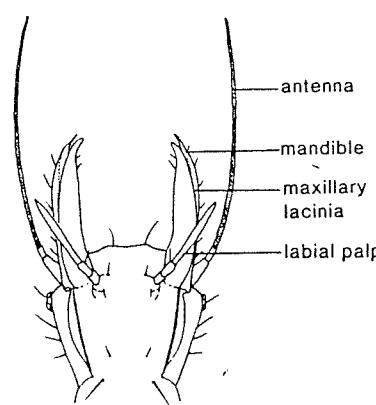
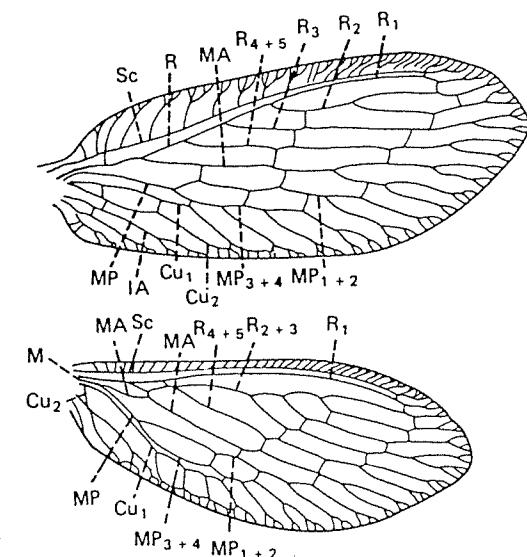
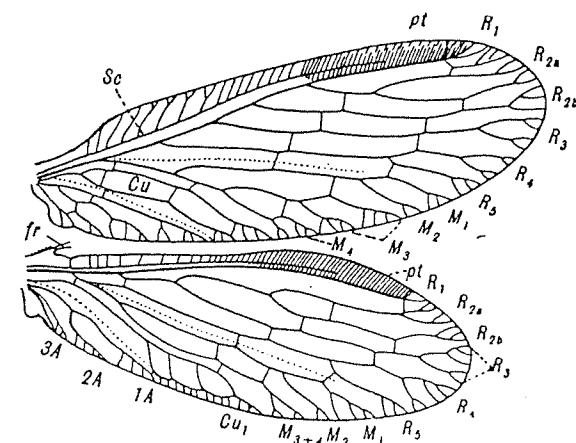
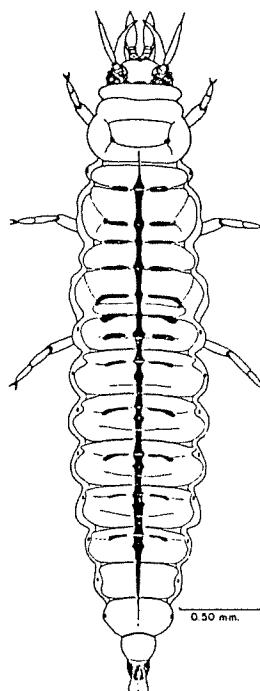
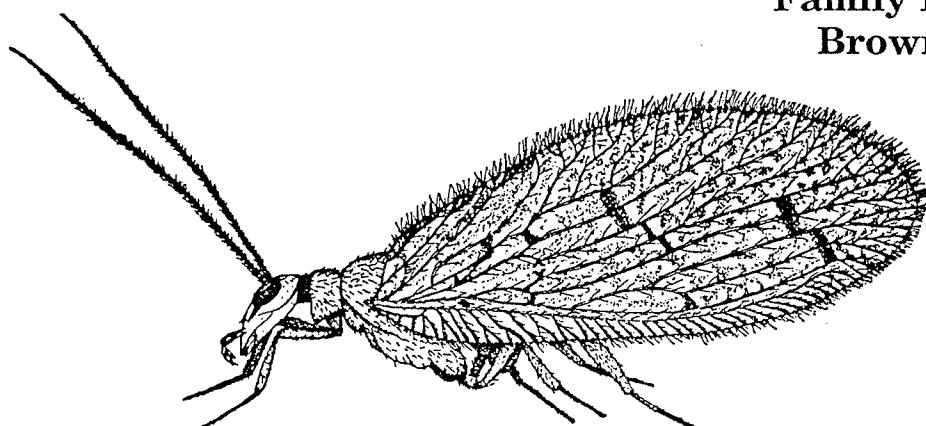
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**Family Raphidiidae**  
**Snakeflies**



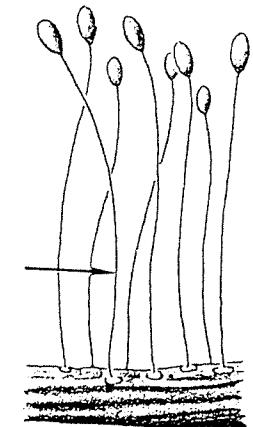
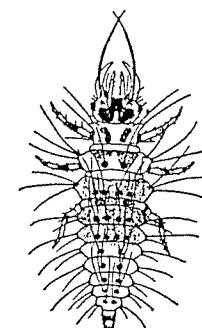
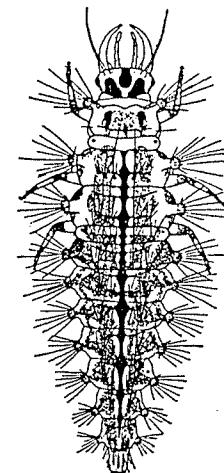
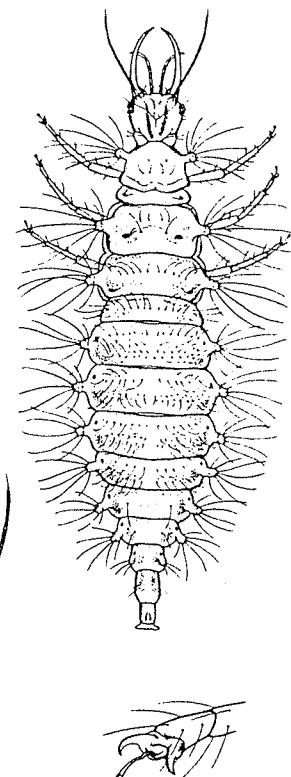
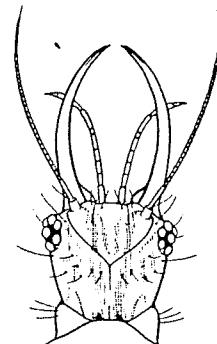
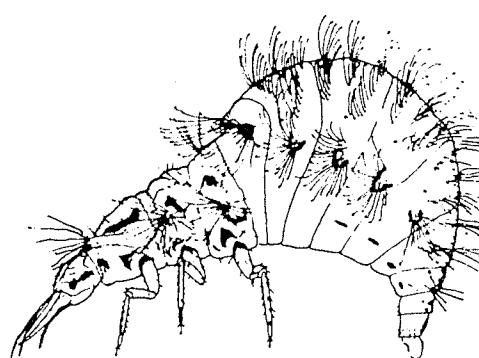
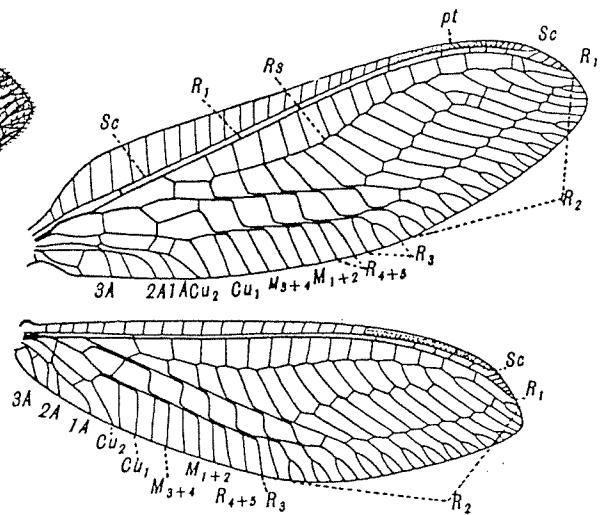
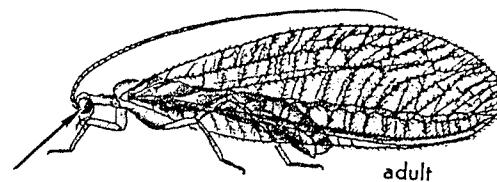
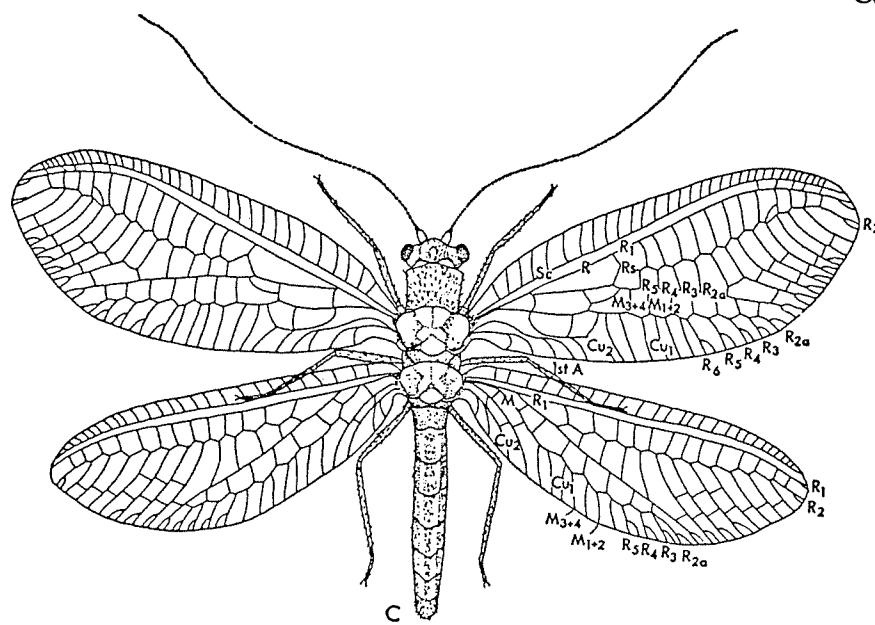
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**Family Mantispidae**  
**Mantidflies**



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**Family Hemerobiidae**  
**Brown lacewings**

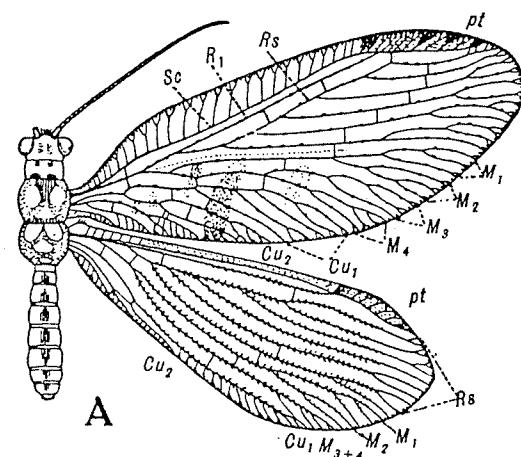


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**Family Chrysopidae**  
**Green lacewings**

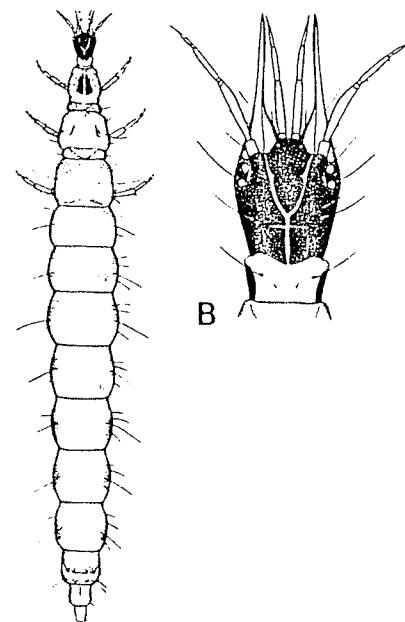
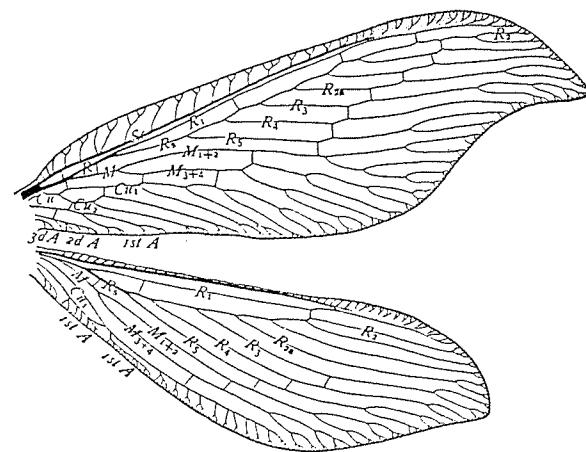
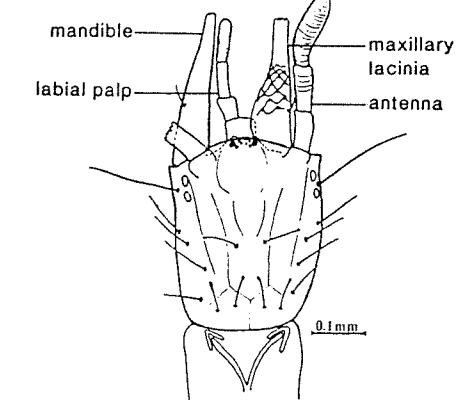
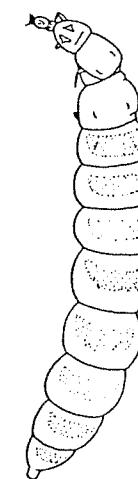
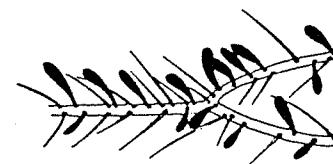


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**Family Berothidae**  
**Beaded lacewings**

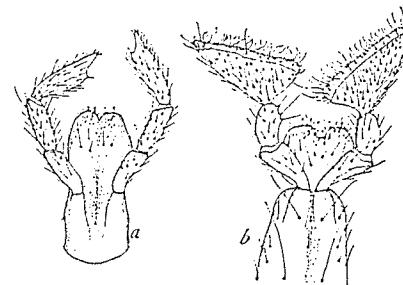
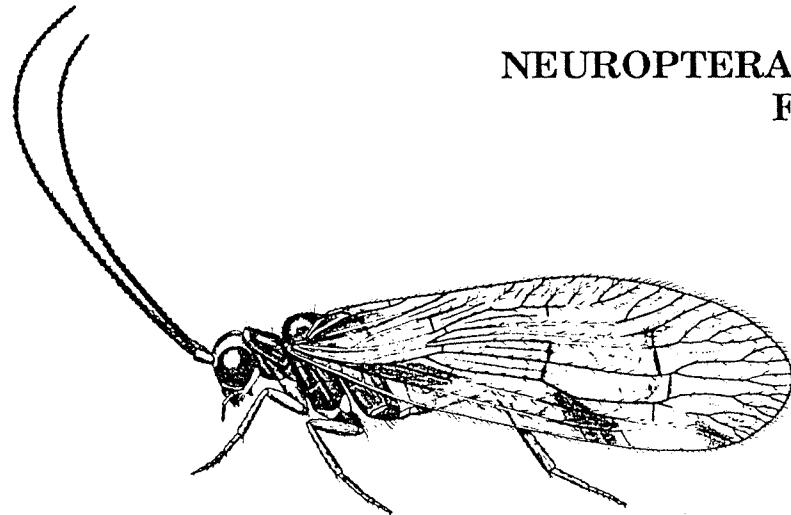


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NEUROPTERA: Planipennia: Hemerobioidea  
 Family Sisyridae  
 Spongillaflies



-Labia of Spongilla-flies: a, *Climacia dictyona*; b, *Sisyra umbrata*.

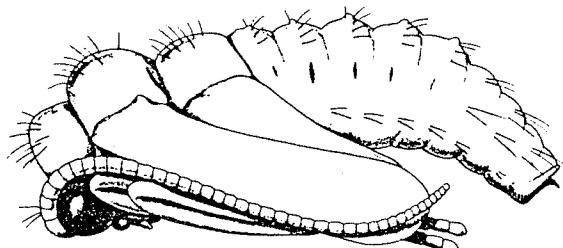
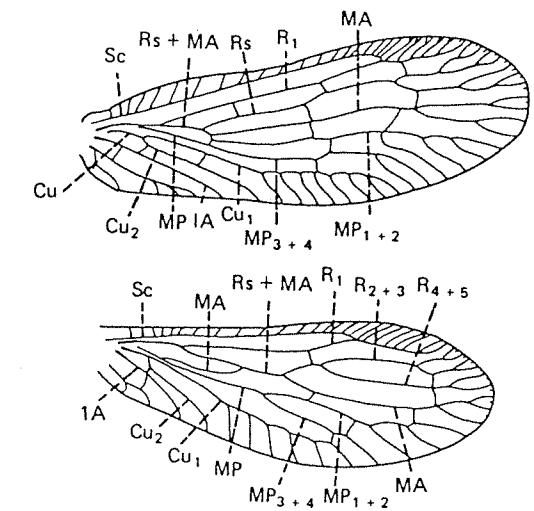
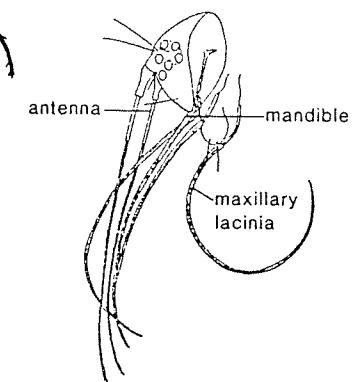
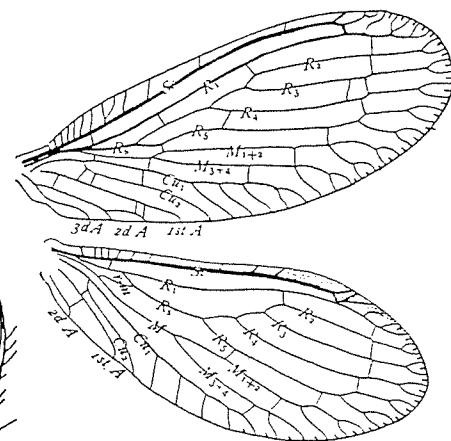
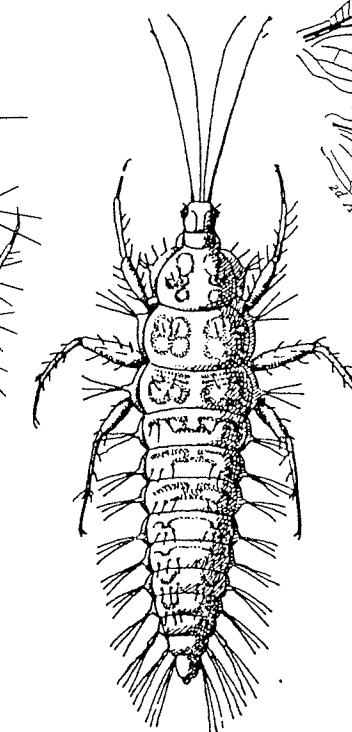
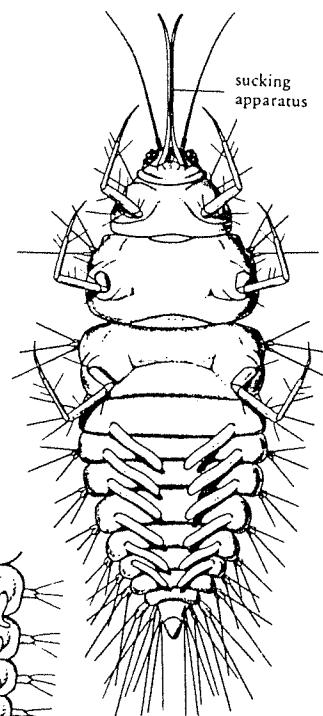
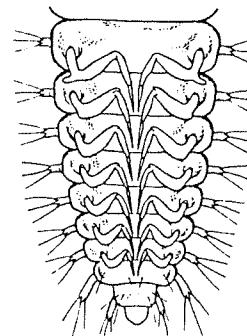
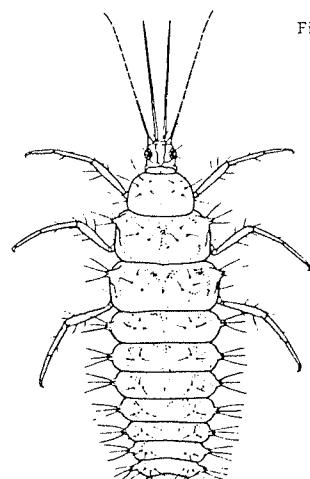
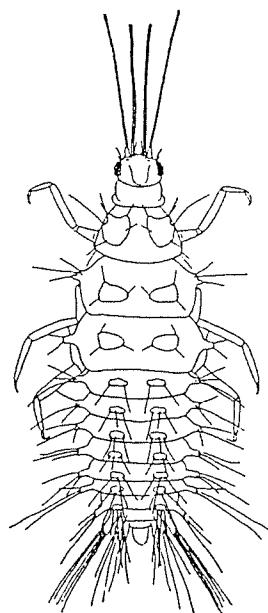
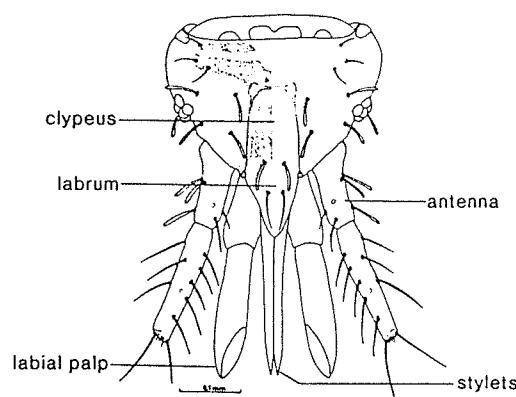
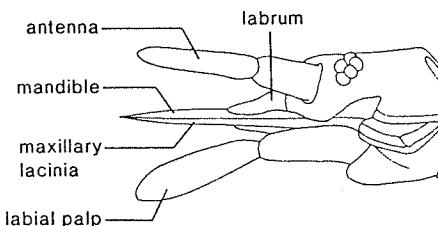
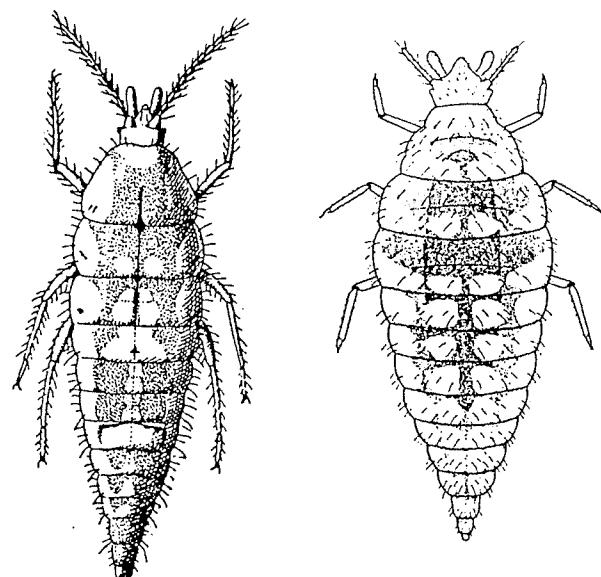
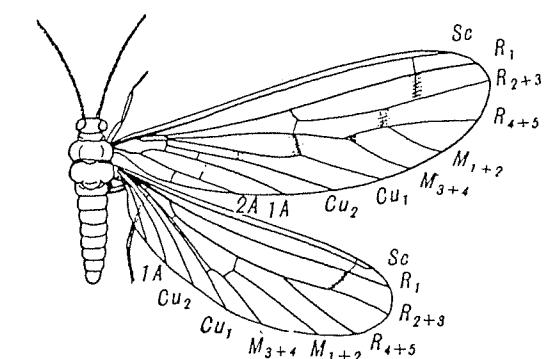
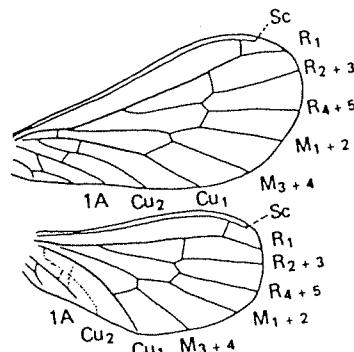
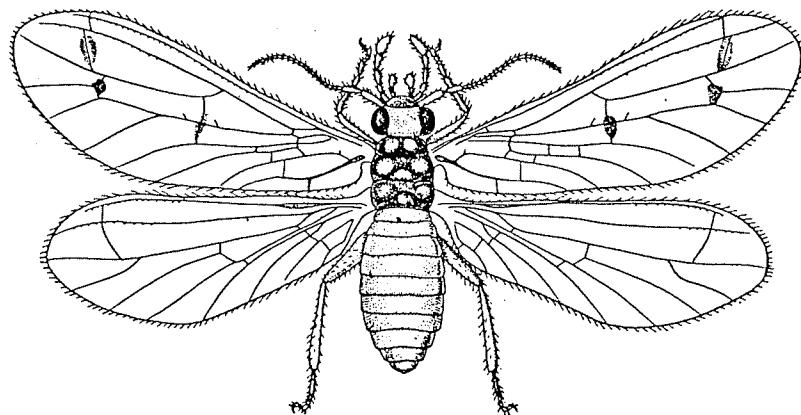


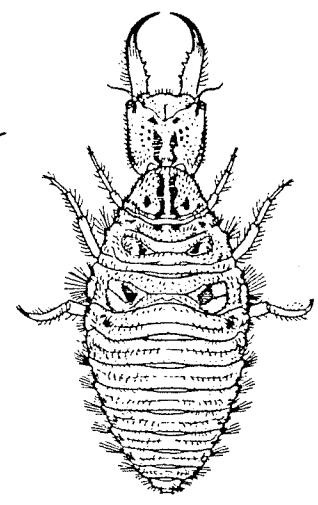
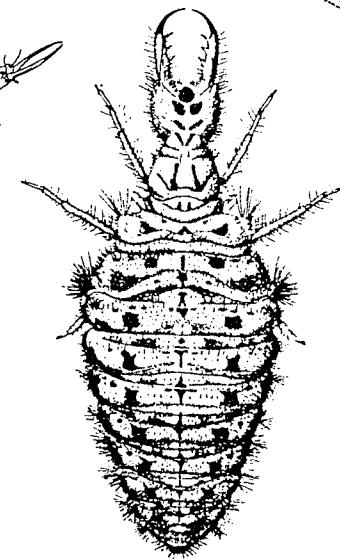
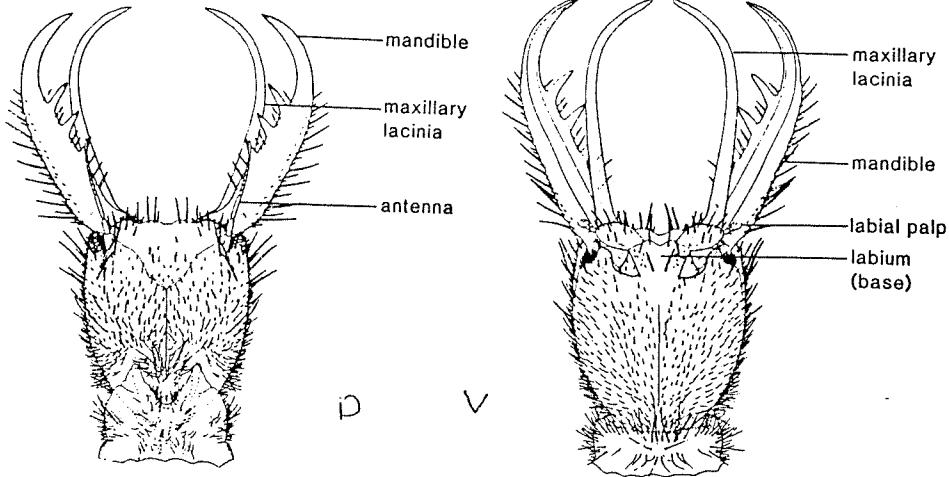
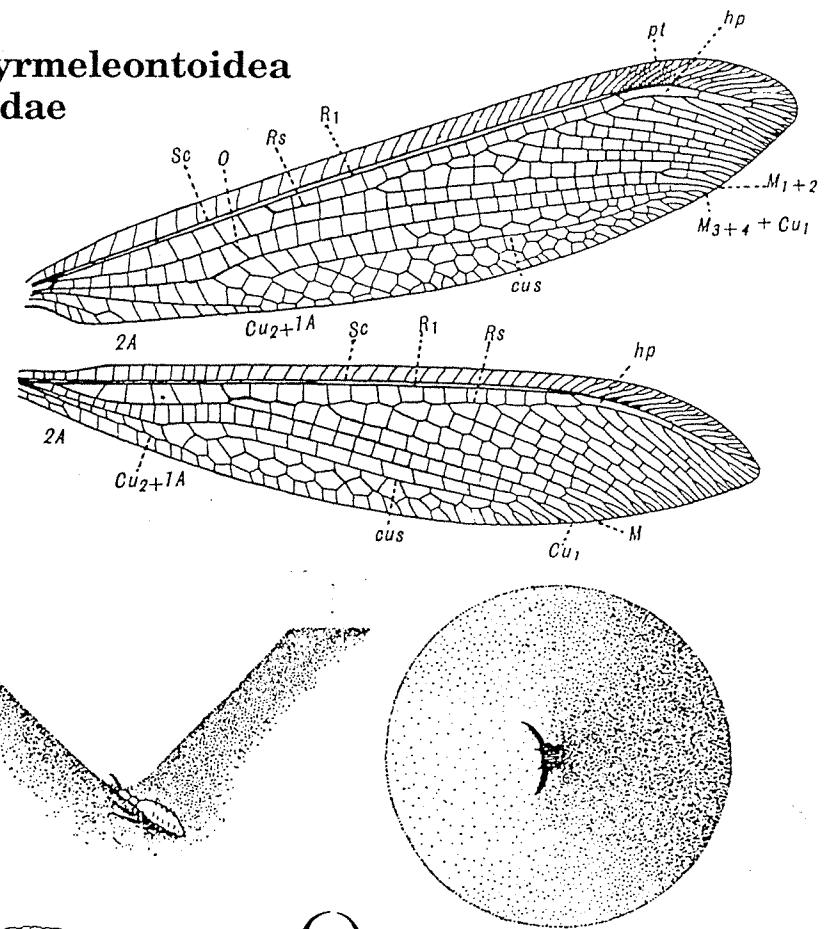
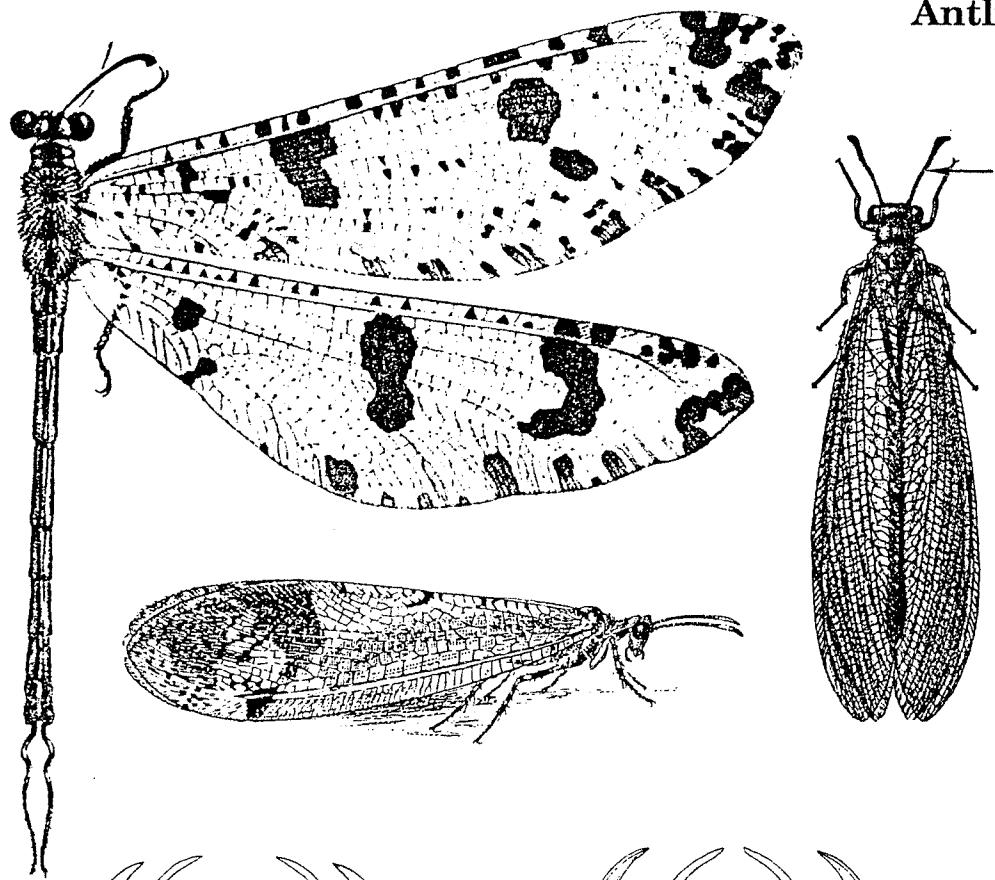
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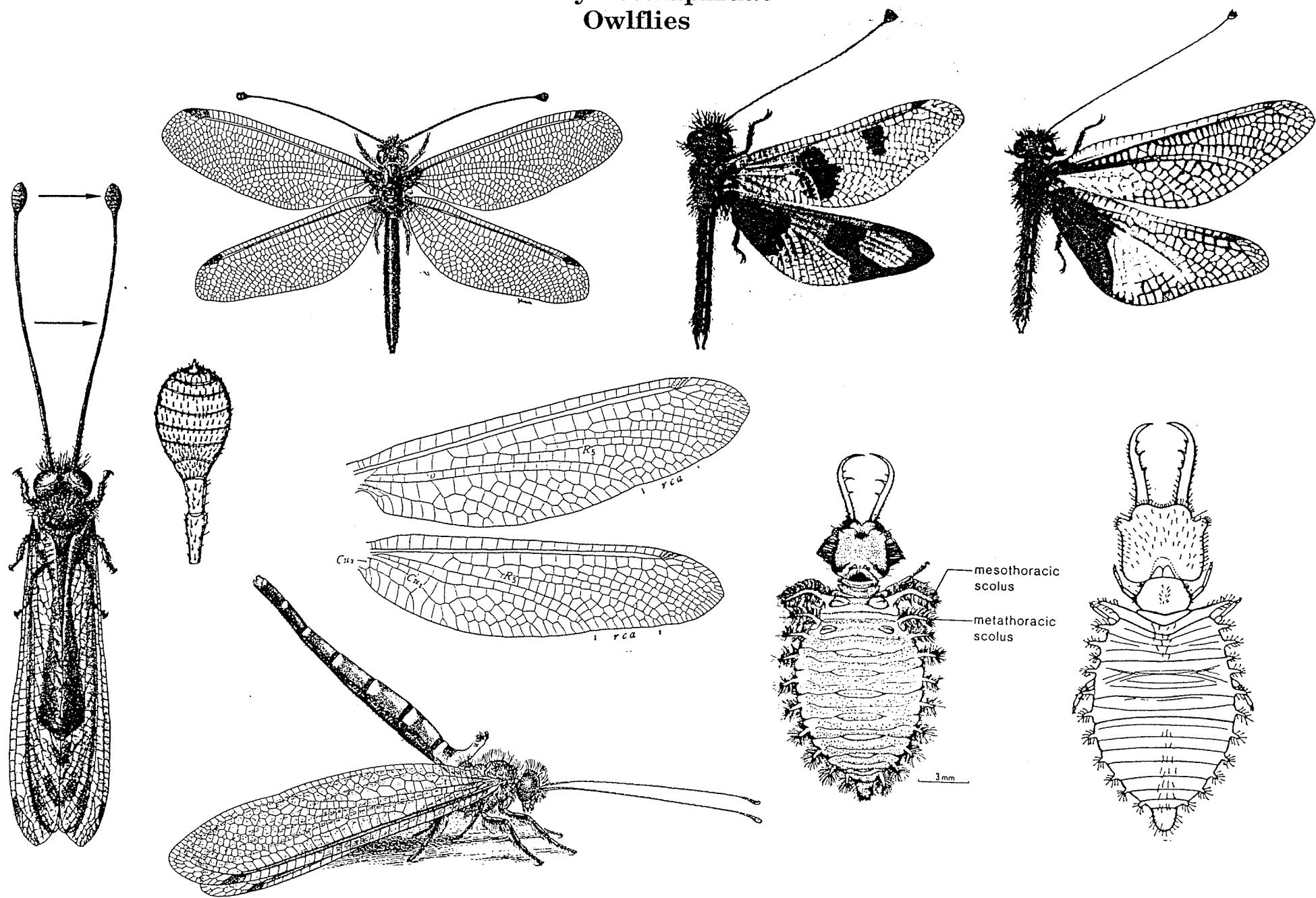
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NEUROPTERA: Planipennia: Myrmeleontoidea  
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