

Diptera


Watersnipe Fly

Native to Maine

Freshwater
Streams

Larval Form



Biopix 

Look for elongated, cylindrical and slightly flattened larvae. They are known for its cone-shaped abdomen with two long, fringed, filaments at its end. It is less than 1.5 cm.

Larva Illustration



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On the larva, look for hairy antennae at one end and a point at the other end.

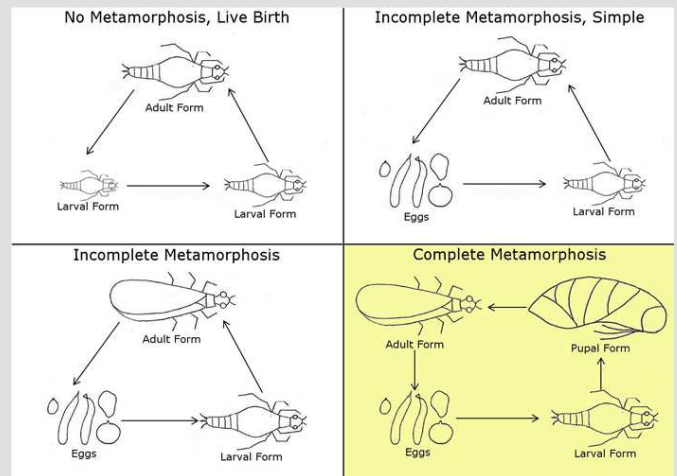
Variations and Details



Biopix 

Look for a larva that is smaller than 1.5 cm. Its color will vary from pale brown to green.

Life Cycle Diagram



Adult Form



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Look for adults that are moderately sized and usually found around low bushes, shrubbery, and tall grasses.

Similar Species

Watersnipe larvae are predators and will bite humans. This trait distinguishes them from some of the other larva in the Diptera genus.

Did You Know?

The larva can dig into the soft sediment using its front filaments.

Somewhat tolerant of pollution.