

NATIONAL WATER WEEK CHALLENGES

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Bugs IN OUR Water



Aquatic Macro-invertebrates are also known as waterbugs!

Aquatic

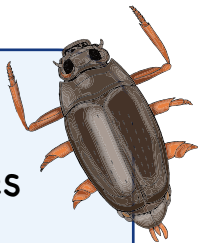
Means **water**.

Macro

Means **big** (we can see them with the naked eye). The opposite is micro (we need a microscope to see them).

Invertebrates

Means **without a backbone**.



Waterbugs are tiny creatures found in rivers, creeks, ponds and wetlands. The number and different types of waterbugs we find in a waterway tells us how healthy it is.

Have a look at this graphic of a river, which shows which waterbugs will survive in areas of Good, Fair and Poor water quality.

Draw a line from the waterbug to the type of water quality it will survive in.



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WATERBUG	WATER QUALITY
Diving Beetle	Good
Bloodworm	
Water mite	Fair
Mayfly nymph	
Damselfly nymph	Poor
Mosquito larva	

Why not try to bake a cake shaped like a waterbug, or make one out of play-doh or recycled materials. Take a photo and upload to Instagram with #hunterwater #lovewater



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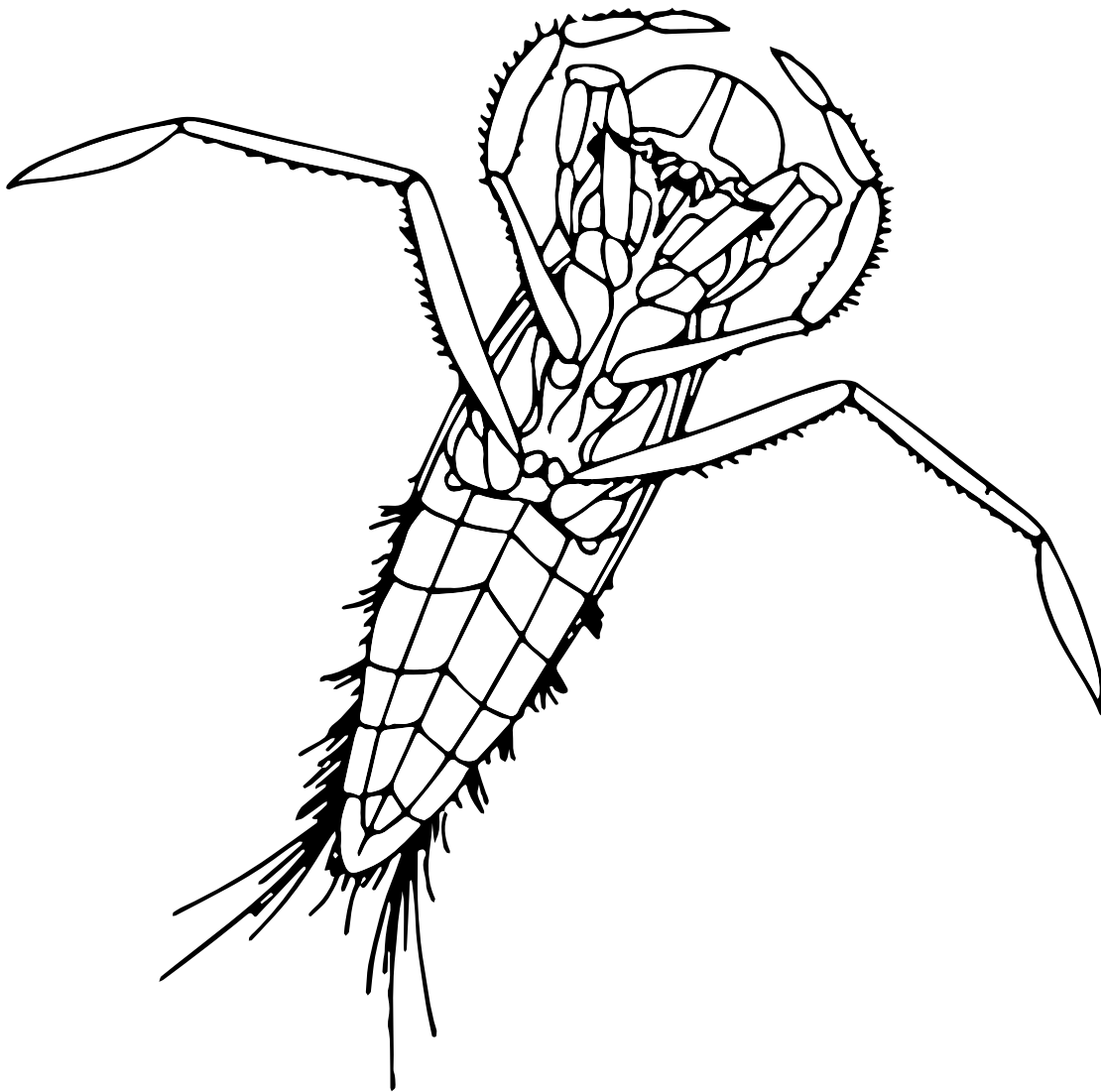
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Bertie Backswimmer

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