



Midge Larva and Pupa

Midges are tiny flies. The plural of larva is larvae.

What they look like

Midge Larvae are very small, often C-shaped. They have a spastic, squirming movement. They are often attached to debris by their tiny legs. The Bloodworm, also featured in this Buglopedia, is a type of midge.

Where they live

Like Fly Larvae, Midge Larvae are found in streams and ponds, in water in the holes of tree trunks - anywhere water collects.

Pollution tolerance

Tolerant, rating 3

Midge Larvae can tolerate organic pollution as they feed on the organic particles. They can live in water having low levels of dissolved oxygen as they can rise to the surface to breathe.

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Pollution tolerance	Very sensitive	Sensitive	Tolerant	Very tolerant
Size	Up to 50 mm long			

What's interesting about the Midge Larva?

- Even a drop of water is enough to sustain a Midge Larva.

Where they fit in

Phylum Arthropoda > **Class** Insecta > **Order** Diptera
> **Families:** Like Fly Larvae, there are many families.

