

The Caddisfly Life Cycle





Caseless

Pupal skin is left behind as **adult** emerges and flies away to mate.







caddis



Cased caddis



Eggs laid in small groups, rows or sheets. Female enters water to lay.





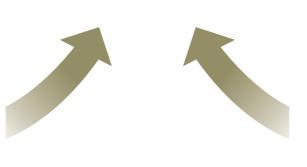
Larva does not make a portable case, although many species make fixed shelters. Moults skin 4 times as it grows.



Fully grown larva makes a shelter. Inside the shelter the larva moults its skin and turns into a **pupa**.



Adult forms within pupal skin, cuts its way out of the shelter or case and swims to the surface or shore.



Fully grown larva fixes down case and seals it up. Inside the case the larva moults its skin and turns into a **pupa**.





females do not enter water to lay.



Larva makes a portable case. Huge variety of designs and materials. Moults skin 4 times as it grows.



There are 199 species of caddisfly (Trichoptera) known in the UK and Ireland.

Life-cycles can vary between species. All species have a freshwater larval stage, except *Enoicyla pusilla* which is terrestrial.

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