

The Stonefly Life Cycle



The fully grown nymph crawls out of the water and sheds its skin to **emerge** as the winged adult stonefly.



Adults mate on the ground or on vegetation. The female drums its abdomen on a surface to attract a mate. Fertilised eggs are attached to the tip of the female abdomen.



The **nymph** goes through a number of moults as it grows.



Egg masses are deposited onto the water surface, either during flight or whilst running or swimming across the water. Eggs sink through the water and adhere to the river bed.