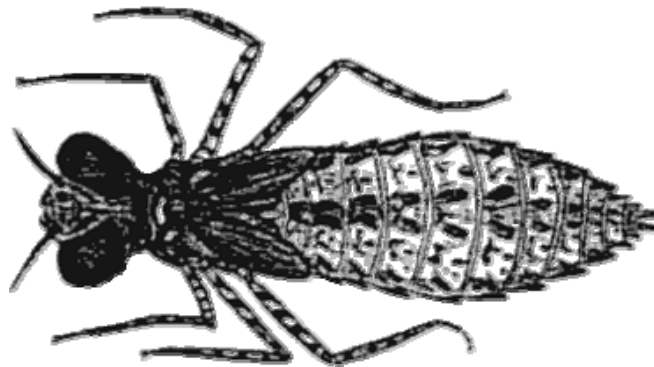


# Dragonfly nymph

**Latin name:** *Odonata species*



**Feeds on:** Lesser water boatmen, blood worms, water fleas, newt larvae and small fish

**Is eaten by:** Fish, leeches and large insect larvae

**Size:** Up to 4cm

**Habitat:** Bottom of pond

**Oxygen adaptation:** They have gills.

**Did you know?** Dragonflies were around at the time of the dinosaurs. They are so successful that they haven't had to change much since then. The nymphs move by jet propulsion by pumping water in and then out of the abdomens. The nymphs have a lower jaw called a 'mask' that they shoot forward to catch their prey. It can take two to three years for a dragonfly to develop from an egg to adult.



Adult dragonfly