

MUFFLEHEADS vs. MAYFLIES



Chironomidae (informally known as chironomids or non-biting midges) Many species superficially resemble mosquitoes but they lack the wing scales and elongate mouthparts of the mosquito. This is a large group of insects with over 5000 described species and 700 species in North America alone. Males are easily recognized by their plumose antennae. Adults are sometimes known as "lake flies" in parts of Canada, as "sand flies", "muckleheads", or "muffleheads" in various regions of the USA Great Lakes area, and as "blind mosquitoes" or "chizzywinks" in Florida.



Mayflies are insects which belong to the Order Ephemeroptera. They are aquatic insects whose immature stage usually lasts one year in freshwater. The adults are short-lived, from a few minutes to a few days depending on the species. Common names for mayflies include "dayfly", "shadfly", "Green Bay fly", "lake fly", "fishfly" (in the Great Lakes region of North America), "midgee", "Canadian soldiers" and "jinx fly". While at rest, their wings stand straight up, almost like a soldier standing at attention.