Clave a los Macroinvertebrados del Rio

(Sizes of illustrations are not proportional.)

Con Concha

Con 1 Tapa

spiral, opening on left

Churro de bolsillo

spiral, opening on right

Churro de agallas

coiled

Churro plano
Planorbiidae

conical

Canchalagua de agua dulce
Ancylidae

Con 2 Tapas

small, whitish, tan or brown

Almeja de uña

large, 2 to 8 inches, dark-colored

Mejillón de Agua Dulce

Sin Concha

Con patas

Con tentáculos, cepillos o colas

long breathing tube

Gusanito rabo de ratón
Syrphidae

two fringed "tails"

Gusano bailarín
Athericidae

smooth, "stiff," small head

Larva de Tábano
Tabanidae

large, grey with tentacles

Larva de Zancudo
Tipulidae

white or grey with tentacles

Larva de Zancudo
Tipulidae

big "head," active

Pupa de Mosquito
Chironomidae

black, attaches to hard surfaces

Larva de Arenilla
Simuliidae

Sin patas, como gusano

Sin cepillos, tentáculos o colas

reddish brown, segmented body

Gusano de Tubo
Tubificidea

glides along bottom, body not segmented

Planaria
Planariideae

tan to brown, long

Gusano pelo de caballo
Nematomorpha

Suckers, expands and contracts, body segmented

Sanguijuela
Hirudinea

distinct head, red, green or tan, twists

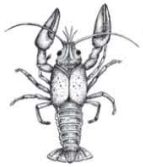
Larva de mosquito
Chironomidae

small, hair-like, swims in "S" shape

Nemátodo

Mas de 4 pares de patas

lobster-like



Camarón de Río

shrimp-like, swims on side

Amphípodo

walks on bottom

Chanchito
Asellidae

4 pares de patas

tiny, often brightly colored

Coloradilla acuática

runs on top of water

Araña pescadora

3 pares de patas

Sin Alas

Sin cola

brown, leatherlike, six legs, usually "C"-shaped

Larva de Cucarrón de rápidos
Elmidae

six legs and prolegs on abdomen

Larva de mariposa acuática
Pyralidae

suction cup-like

Moneda de agua
Psphenidae

large body, hinged mouth

Larva de libélula gordita
Anisoptera

green, tan, orange or white body

Larva de mosca de seda sin agallas

lives in stone case

Larva de mosca de seda con casita de piedra

lives in stick house

Larva de mosca de seda con casita orgánica

Trichoptera

1 o 2 colas

dark head, green or tan body, two brush-like tails

Larva de mosca de seda con agallas

large mouth parts, "spines" on side

Perro de agua
Corydalidae

"tails" long and stiff, long antennas

Mosca de piedra
Perlidae

flat gills on abdomen

Efímera de agallas planas
Baetidae

hangs from surface, large mouth parts

Larva de Cucarrón buceador
Dytiscidae

3 colas

long "tails," gills on abdomen

Efímera de opérculo
Leptohyphidae

long "tails," gills on abdomen

Efímera de doble agalla
Leptophlebiidae

large legs, feathery gills

Efímera de colmillos
Ephemeroptera

plate-like "tails," no gills on abdomen

Larva de libélula flaca
Zygoptera

Con Alas

Cucarrón, Alas Paralelas

small, crawls on bottom

Cucarrón de rápidos
Elmidae

swims moving hind legs alternating

Cucarrón caroñero
Hydrophilidae

back legs move at same time

Cucarrón buceador
Dytiscidae

swims on surface

Cucarrón girador
Gyrinidae

"Crawls" through water, spotted

Cucarrón trepador
Haliplidae

Chinches, Alas Sobrepuestas

tan, lives on surface

dark, lives on surface

Chinche patinador
Velidae o Gerridae

grasping front legs, up to three inches

Chinche de agua gigante
Belastomatidae

swims on back, back white

Chinche nadador de espalda
Notonectidae

swims right-side-up, back black

Chinche remador
Corixidae

long breathing tube, grasping front legs

Escorpión Nepa
Nepidae

long, stick-like

Escorpión Ranatra
Nepidae

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