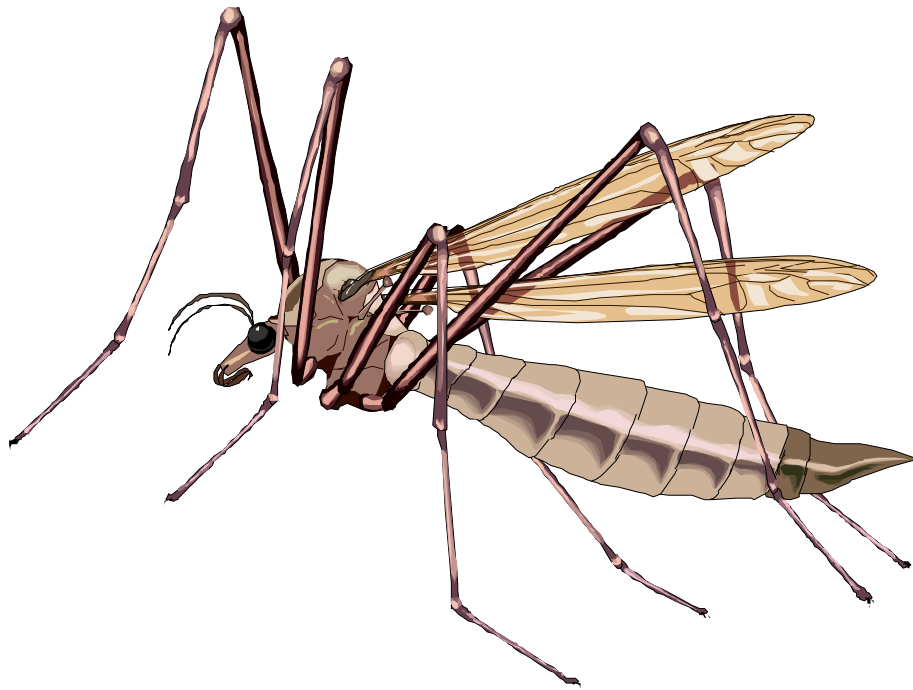


Fly: Crane



My Home: I am generally found around damp places and am attracted to light. As a larva, I usually live in the water.

What I eat: As a larva, I eat roots and other organic matter. I don't eat as an adult.

What I look like: I am about 1 inch long, have six long spindly legs, a long thin body and am sometimes mistaken for a large mosquito.

How I am born: I go through four stages of development: egg, larva, pupa and adult. My egg is laid in water, on water plants, moist soil or sometimes in rotted roofs. It takes 72 hours for my egg to hatch and about a month for me to become an adult. As an adult, I will only live for a few days, long enough to mate and lay new eggs.

Fun Facts: In Europe I am called 'Daddy Long Legs', not to be confused with the spider that carries the same name.

There are about 14,000 species of Crane Flies.