



HYMENOPTERA

SOME SPECIAL FEATURES OF HYMENOPTERA:

- Wings membranous, hind wings, smaller than the fore wings, which interlock by means of hamuli, venation reduced.
- Mouth parts primarily mandibulate, often modified for chewing and lapping
- Abdomen usually basally constricted and its first segment fused with metathorax forming propodeum
- Ovipositor in higher families modified into a string
- Larvae generally apodous, rarely eruciform with more than 5 pairs of prolegs without crochets
- Pupae exarate and generally covered by cocoon
- Antennae are generally long and geniculate, tarsi 5 segmented, exhibit complete metamorphosis.



- Abdomen broadly joins with thorax without any constrictions
- Hind wings with 2 or more closed basal cells, trochanter 2 segmented
- Ovipositor adapted for sawing or boring
- Larvae eruciform

FAMILY- TENTHREDINIDAE

Commonly known as sawflies



SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION

- KINGDOM: Animalia
- PHYLUM: Arthropoda
- CLASS: Insecta
- ORDER: Hymenoptera
- FAMILY: Tenthredinidae

- Sawflies are distinguishable from most other hymenopterans by the broad connection between the abdomen and the thorax, and by their caterpillar-like larvae.
- The common name comes from the saw-like appearance of the ovipositor, which the females use to cut into the plants where they lay their eggs.
- Sawfly damage is caused by the larvae that feed on plants in several different ways, depending on the species.
- Some leave holes or notches in leaves, while others skeletonise the leaves by completely devouring the tissues between the veins.
- They may roll up the leaves . A few species leave galls on the foliage.
- Larvae eruciform, phytophagous with more than 5 pairs of prolegs, devoid of crochets.





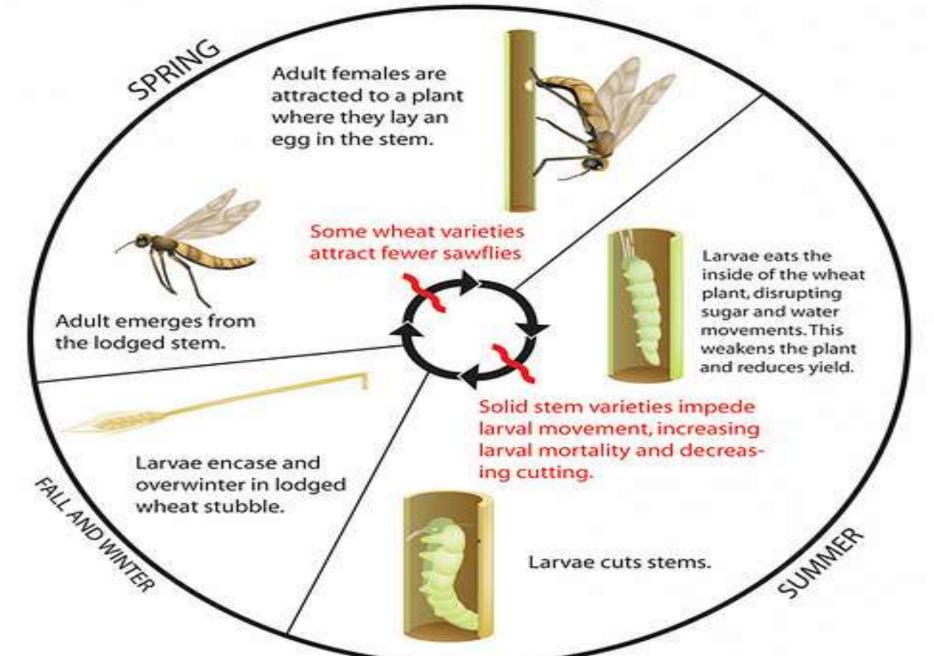








Sawfly Life Cycle









The larvae feeding or damaging the plants.



SUBORDER-APOCRITA

- Base of the abdomen constricted or petiolate
- Hind wings with not more than 2 basal cells.
- Larvae-grub like maggot like.

FAMILY-ICHNEUMONIDAE

Commonly called as Ichneumonflies.



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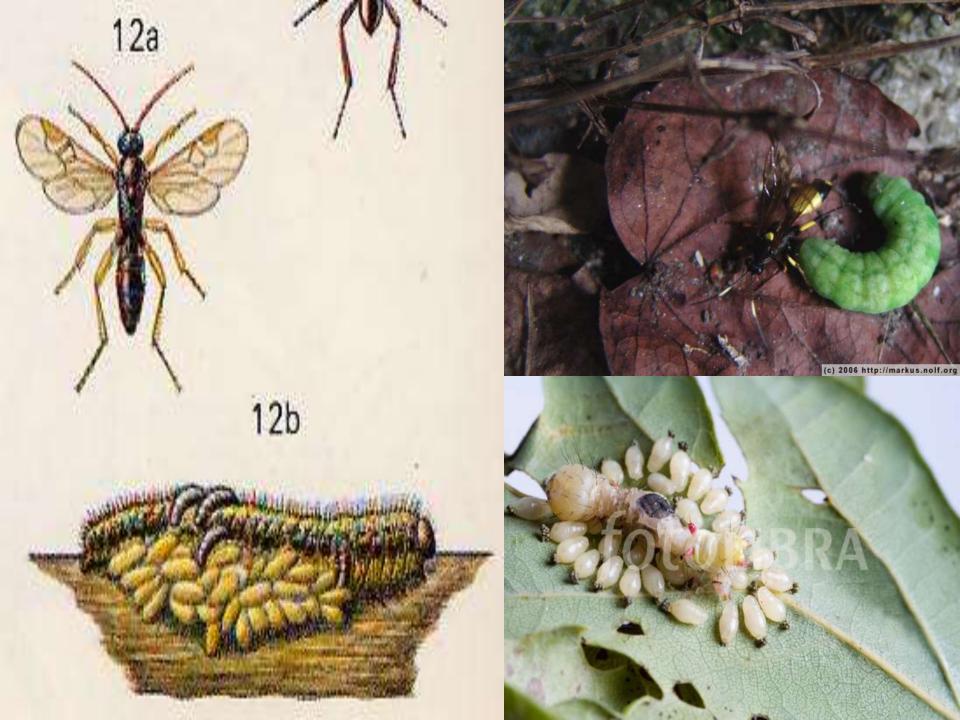
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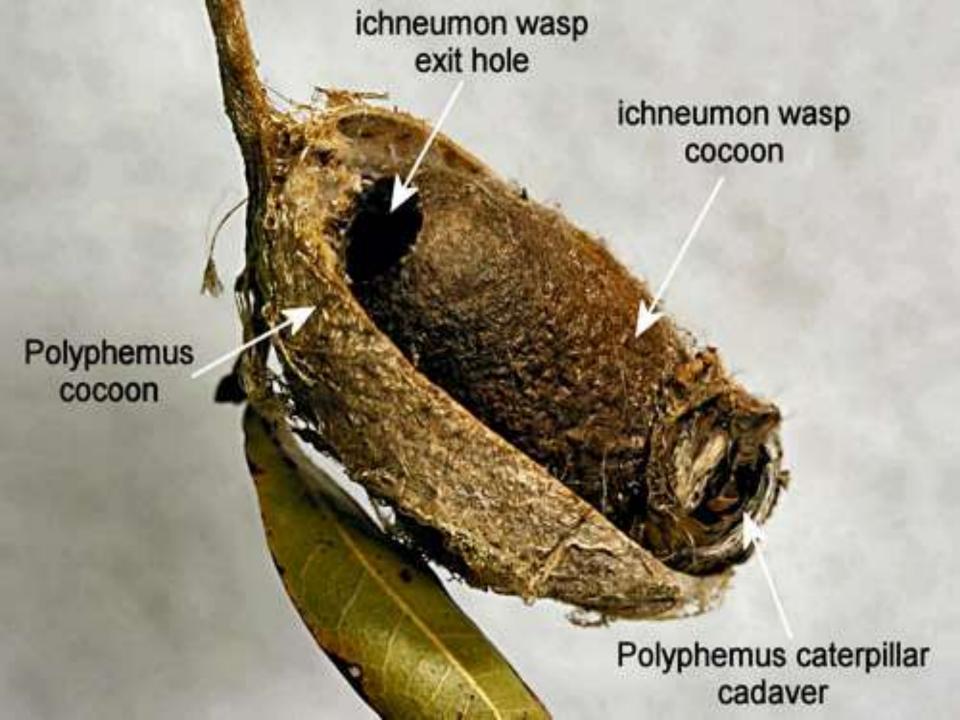
- They are solitary insects, and most are parasitoids, the larvae feed on or in another insect which finally dies.
- Antennae long and filiform.
 - The female finds a host and lays an egg on, near, or inside the host's body.
 - Upon hatching, the larva feeds either externally or internally, killing the host when it is ready to pupate.
- Larvae are parasitic on immature stages of other insects.
- Various ichneumons are used commercially as biological control agents.









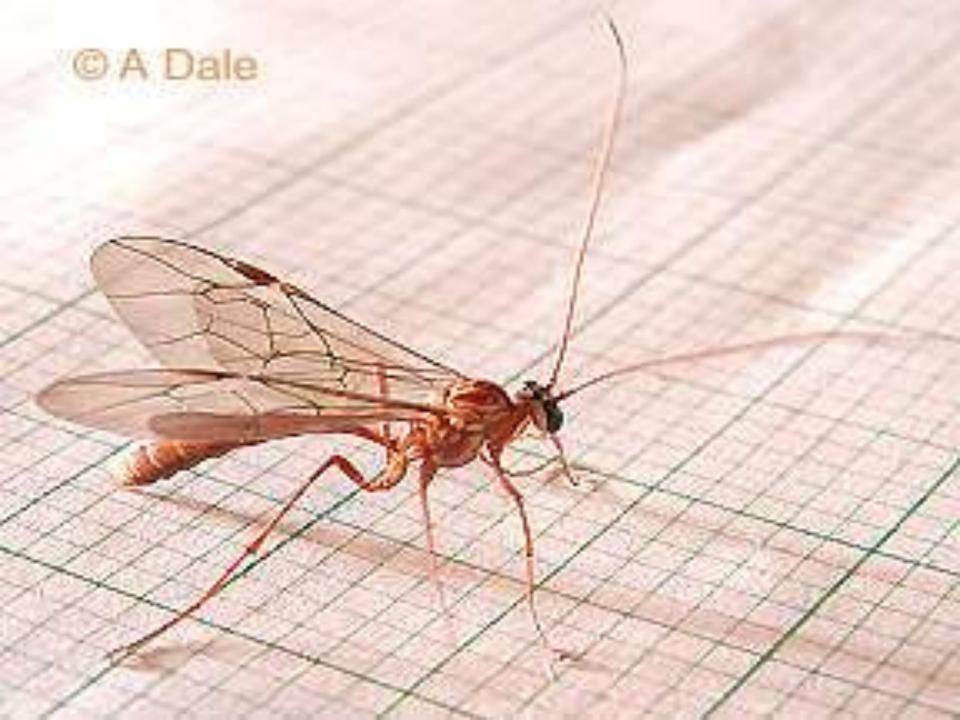
















FAMILY- BRACONIDAE

Commonly called as Braconids

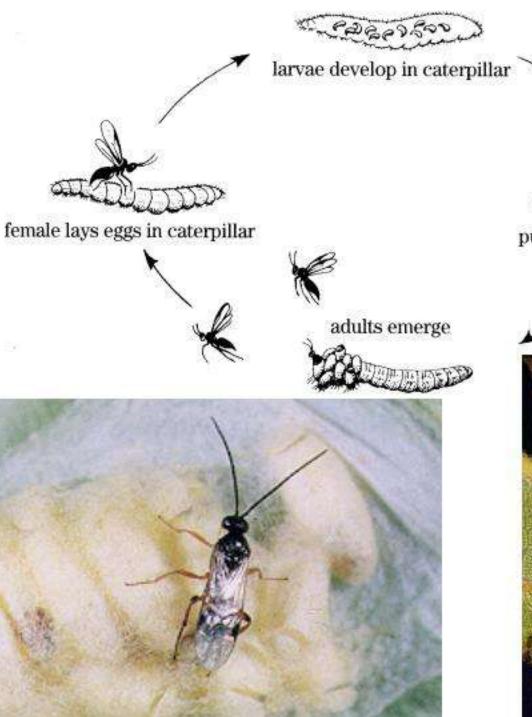


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- CLASS: Insecta
- •ORDER: Hymenoptera
- FAMILY: Braconidae

- Braconids are small (2-15mm) parasitic wasps, mostly brownish or black.
- Eggs are laid in or upon the body of the host insect, which is consumed before the parasite pupates.
- Braconids parasitize the larvae of Lepidoptera, Symphyta, Coleoptera, Diptera etc and some are important as biological control agents.
- Antennae apparently with 16 or more segments.
- Pronotum reaching to wing bases- tegulae.
- Larvae parasitic, pupae in a cocoon, pupate outside the host body.





◀ Typical Braconid life cycle







Braconid wasps



Adult



Larvae feeding on a caterpillar













FAMILY- CHALCIDIDAE

Commonly called as chalcids



SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION

- KINGDOM- Animalia
- PHYLUM- Arthropoda
- CLASS- Insecta
- ORDER- Hymenoptera
- FAMILY- Chalcididae

- Chalcid, common name for any of a large group of parasitic insects, also called chalcid wasp or chalcidfly.
- These include the smallest known insects, the fairy wasps, which are parasites of insect eggs.
- Chalcid have elbowed antennae and greatly reduced wing venation.
- The larvae are parasitic on eggs, pupae and larvae of other insects.
- They feed on asparagus beetles, gall wasps, scale insects, cicadas etc.





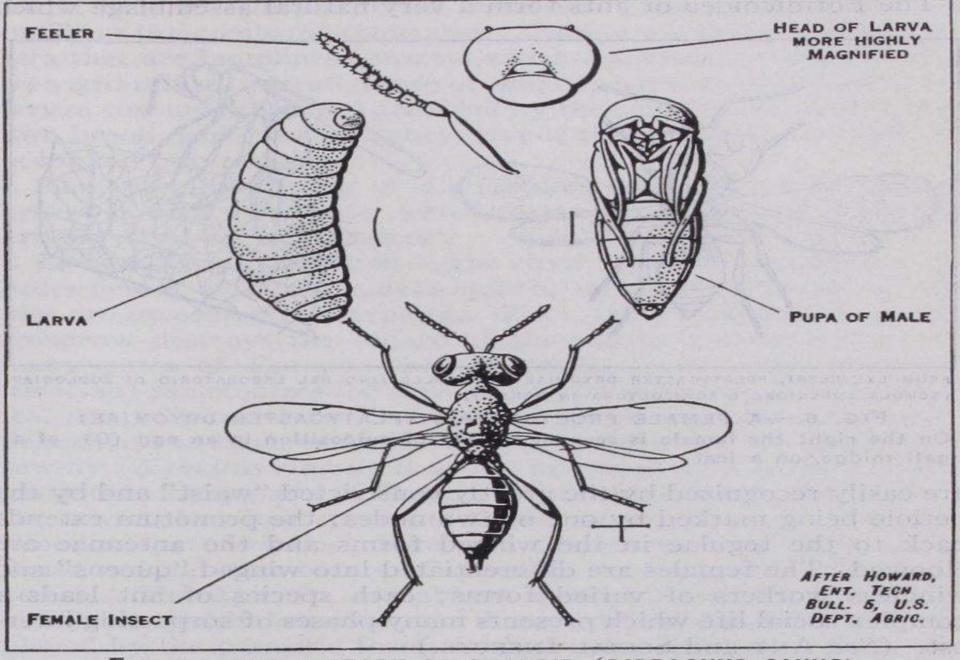


FIG. 5.—LIFE HISTORY OF CHALCID (DIBRACHYS CAVUS)
The sub-order Apocrita is chiefly characterized by the narrowly constricted waist of the adult and by the legless condition of the larvae













