

# FRESHWATER MACROINVERTEBRATES

Macroinvertebrates are often counted as part of water quality testing – as the type and number of macroinvertebrates found in an area can be related directly to how clean and healthy the water is.

Wherever I go I take  
my home with me  
I don't need a plate I eat  
my food off the floor  
Clean water is my fave  
but I also play in the mud!



MY NAME IS  
MANDY THE  
**MUD  
SNAIL**

MY NAME IS CALUM THE  
**CHIRONOMID  
MIDGE**



I look like a worm but I'm not,  
I'm a larvae!  
When I grow up, I'll be a small fly  
I collect and stash my food,  
my favourite is algae. Yum!

Cool and Clean water  
is where I'll be  
I shred food with my  
BIG teeth  
I love a soft bed,  
hiding under moss



MY NAME IS SARAH THE  
**SMOOTH CASED  
CADDIS**

MY NAME IS SCOTT THE  
**STONEY CASED  
CADDIS**



I like to hide in a case I build  
from stones and sand  
I like the finer things in life, like  
organic matter!  
I love speed, try and catch me  
in the fast-flowing streams

I swim really fast with my  
torpedo shaped body  
When I'm chilling, I hang out  
in pools  
I have a sensitive personality  
and don't like dirt!



MY NAME IS ASH THE  
**SWIMMING  
MAYFLY**