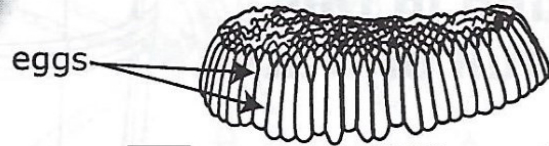
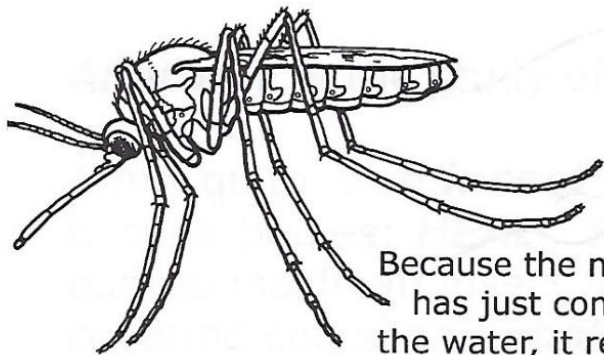


# The Mosquito Life Cycle

An adult female will land on standing water to lay her eggs. She lays them one at a time and they clump together. We call this an egg raft because it floats on water



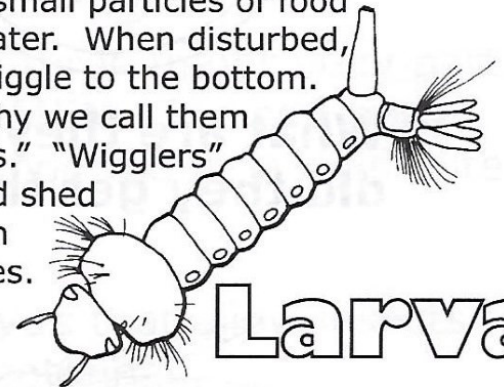
## Egg Raft



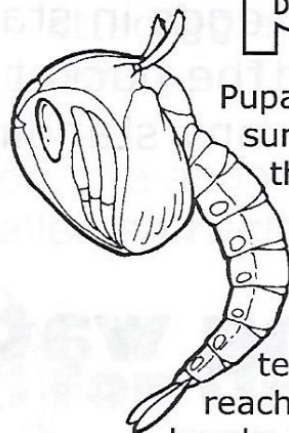
## Adult

Because the new adult has just come from the water, it rests on its pupal skin to dry and then flies off looking for food.

Larvae hatch from the eggs and feed on small particles of food in the water. When disturbed, larvae wiggle to the bottom. That's why we call them "wigglers." "Wigglers" grow and shed their skin four times.



## Larva



## Pupa

Pupae, called "tumblers", summersault through the water. They don't eat while they are in this stage. The pupa is actually in a "cocoon" under water. When the pupa reaches adulthood, it breaks out of its cocoon.