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Until quite recently, the identification of Chironomidae larvae was a challenging and time-consuming business reserved for specialists in certain academic positions. Although some monographic works (e.g. Wiederholm et al., 1983, Pankratova, 1970, 1977, 1983, Bíró, 1988, and others) were available and of great value for the specialist, their use was frequently restricted to regions or required quite a lot of time and effort to work successfully. Moreover, important information on taxonomic identification was scattered in many single papers, which is, however, also true at present. For beginners and those, who are not constantly working with larval identification, chironomids are a challenging taxonomic group but becoming easier with better keys and catalogues available. Frequently, many problems in the recognition of characters resulted from drawings or illustrations which mostly show an ideal picture differing in perspective and view from the observed view, even when the material is in good condition and well positioned. Taking photographs for illustrations required expensive equipment and black-white format, which did not always improved the images which depended also on the printing quality of the published book or journal. Traditions of observation practice (e.g. mounting on a slide after a maceration procedure) frequently require a time-consuming treatment prior to determination, sometimes resulting in loosing visibility of some important characters. On the other hand, the importance of chironomids as bio-indicators in freshwater monitoring has been known for a long time (summarized earlier in Thienemann, 1954), and their ecological preferences were classified for subsequent use in monitoring programmes in several countries. Recently, efforts to base taxonomic identification work on molecular methods promised apparently easier and cheaper taxonomic identification than using morphological characters. However, methodological restrictions revealed that this may be a helpful tool only for special taxonomical questions (e.g., the scientific discussion of the taxonomical status of a morphological type). In biomonitoring and practical work, it is not applicable, as quantification of the community is not possible or not economical. Moreover, after some training, the single specimen collected can be quickly identified by observing morphological characters, to achieve a satisfactory taxonomic level identification.

This situation motivated us to help lower the threshold for identification work of chironomid larvae by providing a tool illustrated mainly by colour photographs. In 2012, a simliarly designed identification tool for Chironomini (Orendt & Spies, 2012) was produced, in which we used macroscopic characters leading to identification to genus, species groups, and easily separable species, as far as possible. In our concept, we mostly compare more than one character and use the dichotomous approach in the identification line. A drawing is only given, when it was not possible

### Introduction

In freshwater ecosystems, chironomids are frequently the dominant component both in total biomass and in total species diversity. Thus, the species observed in the field reflect to a large extent the complexity and quality of habitats and life conditions. In a number of countries, they are part of the biological assessment system and monitoring, e.g. for the implemetation of the EC Water Framework Directive. However, the identification of indicator taxa reveals some problems, as the specimens are frequently small compared to other macro-invertebrates. This volume will provide assistance in taxa determination, especially for beginners and those who are not regularly concerned with this insect family. The keys include larval taxa from six subfamilies. For Tanypodinae, Vallenduuk & Moller Pillot (2007) published a key using mainly macroscopic characters. Later, Orendt & Spies (2012) followed the same approach for the Tribes Chironomini and Pseudochironomini of the subfamily Chironominae. Here, this concept is continued. The identification of genera and species should be performed as far as possible based on macroscopic characters using photographs, tables, and adjacent text. However, the characters of many of the species and genera of the Orthocladiinae and the other subfamilies are not as easy to observe as in the Chironomini. Often, the smaller body size requires higher optical resolution in order to examine the characters properly. This makes it more important to focus on existing typical and

visible characters such as head colouration, body hairs, body colouration, and shape, as a series of taxa can be identified by certain striking macroscopic features. Frequently, the use of a microsope is helpful and necessary, even if an extensive preparation will not be essential. In this key, the subfamilies are not treated separately, as the cross over of characters of closely related subfamilies does not always allow strict definition of the groups. Sometimes, the appearance of a certain character in a taxon is variable, e.g. the central part of the mentum can have one or two teeth, or it appears so (e.g. due to tooth wear from feeding). In such cases, the identification line leads two different ways, which converge again later or they terminate in two different places, but of the same taxon. Using this method, the result of the determination can be improved.

In this book, the larvae of 76 genera from six subfamilies are included: Buchonomyiinae (1 genus), Podonominae (3), Telmatogetoninae (2), Diamesinae (6), Prodiamesinae (3), and Orthocladiinae (61). 12 more genera restricted to the northern and eastern parts of Europe according to Fauna Europaea are not included. But for the other regions of Europe, at least the identification of genera should be possible, as far as known to date. In 9 genera, the larval stage is not known. For selected genera (apart from monospecific genera), some larvae can be identified to species group and species level. In order to avoid misidentifications, only those larvae were included, which were treated by various authors and which can be separated from each other with certainty. However, it should be understood that in many genera more species are recorded and described from the adult stage than are known from the larval stage. Thus, larval types found with the identification line may represent more species than are know today. In spite of this restriction, taxa included in the key can be reliably identified.

This work mainly utilizes the experience and knowledge of existing keys by Andersen et al. (2013), Biró (1988), Cranston (1982), Hirvenoja (1973), Janecek (2007), Moller Pillot (2009), Schmid (1993), various special publications, and our own observations. The notes on the habitats refer in general to Andersen et al. (2013), Janecek (2007), and Moller Pillot (2013), and also own observations. Apart from many original photographs, collegues who provided pictures or drawings are credited and cited. For several taxa and characters, it was not possible to obtain photographs from slides or specimens. In such cases, illustrations from publications were used. The author(s) of each illustration used are cited and they are also listed in the Reference section.

The notes in the following sections are copied from the Introduction to the Chironomini key by Orendt & Spies (2012), with modifications for the special requirements in this work with the subfamilies treated here. We provide this, because not all users will have the earlier work mentioned above and thus will not be able to consult it.

#### Equipment needed

To examine your material with regard to the morphological characters used in the keys you will need a dissecting scope with up to 75 x magnification, as well as a compound microscope with up to 400 x magnification. Using higher magnifications on a dissecting scope generally does not provide better viewing, as it exceeds the physical limits of optical resolution. For examinations under the compound scope you will need microscope slides (with or without a central depression), cover slips, alcohol or water as the medium for observation, fine forceps, and at least one very fine dissecting needle. These equipment requirements do not exceed those required for determinations of other aquatic macroinvertebrates.

#### Dissecting versus compound microscope

The keys are based on features that are examinable under the dissecting scope. If a specimen's mandibles are insufficiently visible because they are folded too far into the oral cavity, they can be folded out using the fine needle. When microscopic characters have to be employed at all, their use is deferred towards the end of the respective determination path in the key wherever feasible. Apart from the general considerations discussed above, this avoids cumbersome moving back and forth between the dissecting and the compound scope.

For microscopic examinations, the larva or head capsule is placed in a drop of fluid medium on a slide. When a cover slip is added and then moved gently with the needle or fine forceps, the object underneath can be rolled or turned into the position necessary for the respective observation. It may be necessary to improve the view to certain features by exerting slight pressure on the cover slip. When the observation of small features such as setae on the labrum is required, this region should be made freely visible by removing or bending away other characters with a needle, before the cover slip is placed. It will depend on the preferences, skill and experience of each observer, whether the examinations will be more successful with standard or depression slides. When a specimen has been evaluated and the observation procedure was gentle enough to leave it in perfect condition, it can be removed, and either returned to

the sample it came from or archived in a special reference collection. But it has also to be mentioned that frequently some characters such as the mandibles, labral region or mentum cleaned or separated for better visibility may not be available for use in a reference collection. However, in such cases it is worthwhile to take a photograph for documentation, if needed. It does not take long to gain the personal experience needed to apply these procedures with optimal results and without problems. It is not necessary to perform elaborate further operations, unless one wishes to produce a museum quality, permanent voucher slide. In the latter case, possible steps to be taken consist of clearing the larval head capsule in carefully heated (but not boiling) 5-10% potassium hydroxide solution, rinsing in a sufficient quantity of distilled water, dehydration via alcohol baths of 70-80% and at least 96%, and embedding in a special mounting medium, e.g. in Euparal.

An intermediate method between the two mentioned is to place the larva after scarifying between the rim of the head capsule and the following 1<sup>st</sup> thorax segment on a slide, then add a drop of lactic acid (90%) on it, and position it in ventral view. The object can be observed and moved in the same way as described above. But after at most 5 minutes, the characters of the head can be more clearly discerned from the muscle tissue due to maceration. This method will facilitate the observation not only of large specimens but also of very dark characters. For preparing a permanent slide, polyvinyl-lactophenol should be added from the edges of the cover slip and dried for several days.

A modification of this method is to keep the larva in lactic acid for 1 or 2 days. For the preparation, the head is separated and covered with a cover glass in a drop of lactic acid in ventral view. The cover glass can now be pressed step by step with the greatest care and under visual control, until all details are clearly visible. This method is also suitable for the examination of claws and procerci. If the determination is unsuccessful, this preparation can be enclosed with Aquatex and sent to a specialist.

It depends on the aim, the ability, working preferences and experiences of the user which method of observation is used, as long as the result provides a correct identification.

#### Using the keys

Ideally, specimens to be keyed should represent the respective species' fourth (i.e., final) stage of larval development (instar). The keys describe characteristics as they are expressed in the 4th instar, and in some species some features can look different in earlier larval stages. Animals approaching pupation, i.e. the end of their final larval stage, can be recognised as such by their anterior body segments appearing distinctly swollen relative to the segments farther posterior, and occasionally also by features of the developing pupa or adult midge becoming visible underneath the larval skin, e.g. the adult eyes, wings or legs (see Fig. 1. However, distinctly swollen thoracic segments are typical for some genera such as Corynoneura, see p. 27, or Synorthocladius, see p. 53, as they are not expressed to such an extent in other genera).

If no such 'prepupae' are available within a presorted sample morphotype that is assumed to represent a single taxon, then specimens with the respective largest head capsules in the lot should be keyed. However, some smaller larvae from the same lot should be keyed as well, to rule out that the morphotype includes larvae which look similar during presorting but actually represent two or more species that differ in final-instar body size. Colour patterns (e.g., of the head capsule) described in the key can be less distinctly expressed in some specimens, due to natural variation or to chemical fixation and preservation. In such cases, and whenever any key character is not clearly visible on a given animal, it is advisable to safeguard against mis-determinations by keying several specimens of the respective presorted morphotype.

Each key page presents the respective features to be evaluated in table-like form, with one vertical column for each general character (e.g, head capsule shape and colour, colouration of the body, configura-

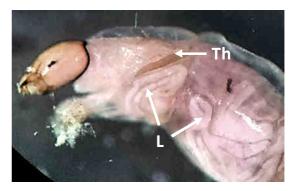
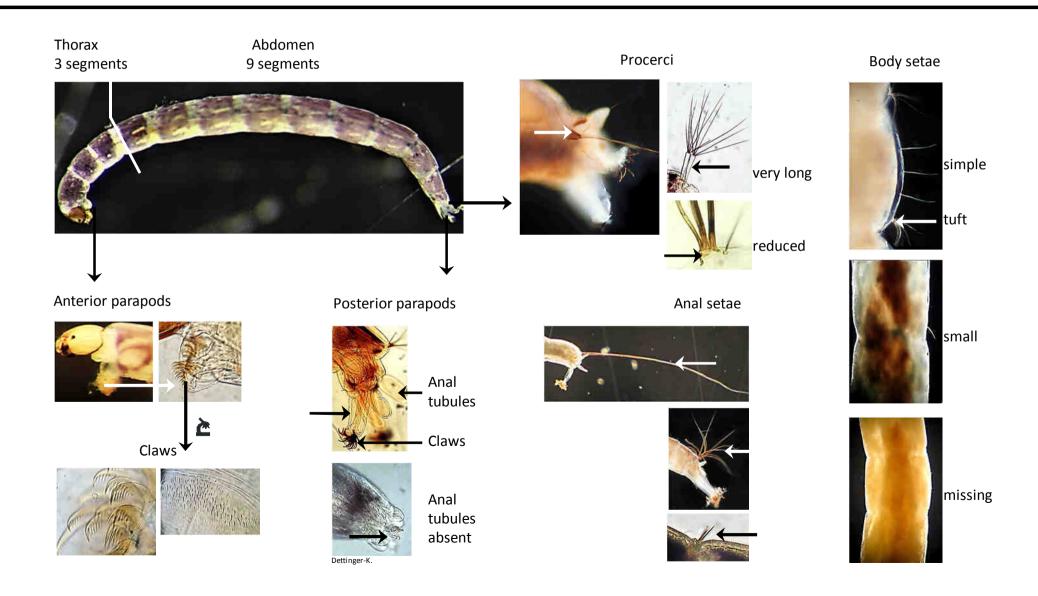


Fig. 1: Features of the developing pupa and adult midge underneath the larval skin (*Orthocladius* (*Orthocladius*) sp.). Th = thoracic horn; L = legs (Photo: Wenzl)

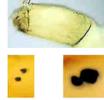
## Glossary

#### Body

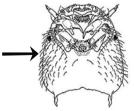


Orthocladiinae - Prodiamesinae - Diamesinae -1: 17 Podonominae - Buchonomyiinae - Telmatogetoninae Antenna (🚵) Head Posterior end acute, extending far beyond the parapods 7-segmented, elongate conical; 3rd segment 2 small eyespots in vertical arrangement not annulated Orthocladiinae sp. 'acuticauda' pointed abdominal end in mobile sand substrates parapods in running waters not distinctly elongate **and** conical; rounded, not extending far beyond the parapods with 4-6 segments; 1-3 eyespots – if there are 2 small, clearly separate ones, then these are in diagonal or horizontal arrangement





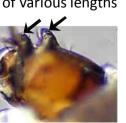
or head beset with many setae, giving a fur-like appearance



dorsal side with 4-5 projections of various lengths



from Andersen et al.(2013)

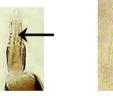








or 7-segmented, the 7th very fine; or 3rd segment annulated



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Telmatogetoninae

Orthocladiinae - Prodiamesinae - Diamesinae -2: 18 Podonominae - Buchonomyiinae - Telmatogetoninae Antenna, 3rd segment ( 🏊 ) Head **Posterior parapods Body surface** dorsal side with 4-5 projections of claws arranged in a circle beset with dense annulated network of small various lengths sclerites Boreoheptagyia sp. (Diamesinae) hygropetric, waterfalls no horns; either beset with claws not arranged in a circle no such sclerites small and many setae, giving a fur-like not Protanypus sp. appearance, or without setae annulated (Diamesinae) deeper zones of oligo- or mesotrophic lakes near the Alps from Andersen et al. (2013 no horns; usually bare - if setae are annulated or not claw arrangement circular or nonno such sclerites present in many areas of the head, these circular, or claws absent → 3 are widely scattered and not fur-like Orthocladiinae Prodiamesinae Diamesinae Podonominae Buchonomyiinae Telmatogetoninae

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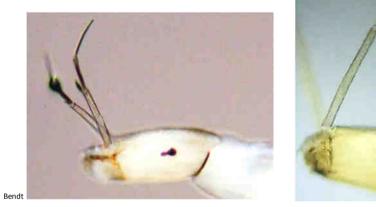
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Head	Side of mentum ( 🚵 )	
ventrally dark, laterally and dorsally yellow; 2 small eyespots of equal size in diagonal arrangementImage: Constant of the second	with <b>long 'beard setae'</b> strong and conspicuous	<b>Prodiamesa olivacea</b> (Prodiamesinae) mostly on sandy substrates enriched with organic mate- rial in flowing water with sufficient oxygen supply, ra- rely in stagnant water bodies For Hungary and Bulgaria, Michai- lova (1977) reports a very similar species, <i>P. bureschi</i> . Material from these localities, should be checked with this reference.
<pre>ventrally dark, laterally yellow, dorsally somewhat darkened or yellow; 1 or 2 small anterior eyespots and 1 larger posterior spot, occasionally all fused and appearing as 1 spot</pre>	no long 'beard' setae	<b>→</b> 5
uniformly coloured (completely dark, brownish or yellow), at most yellow rings or paler areas around the eyespots, or 'cheeks'; 1 or 2 small anterior eyespots and 1 larger posterior spot, occasionally all fused and appearing as 1 spot	long 'beard' setae present and fine, or	➔ 8

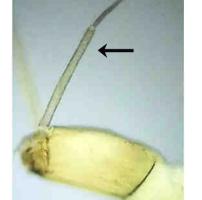
# 13: Orthocladiinae (long antennae)

Head

long, slender;

antenna with 4 segments and longer than head capsule



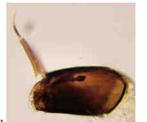


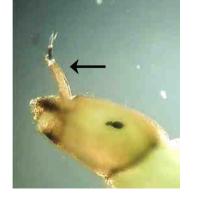
*Corynoneura* sp. (Orthocladiinae)

on various habitats in many sorts of water body types

longish, but not slender in appearance;

antenna with **5 segments and 1/2 to 3/4** head length





*Thienemanniella* sp. (Orthocladiinae)

in flowing waters

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## 37: Orthocladiinae

(Procerci and anal tubules present, with long simple setae or tufts of setae on abdomen)

Abdominal body setae	Mentum ( 🚵 )	Head	
a short single seta and a short tuft alternating on a segment; thorax somewhat inflated	acute-triangular; <b>2</b> median teeth; laterally a conspicuous tuft of setae ('beard')	yellow, but also darker variations; triangular shape in outline; in lateral view, a red-brown <b>oblique vertical line</b> somewhat anterior of the middle Bendt	Synorthocladius semivirens frequently found in flowing water courses, but also in northern and pre-Alpine lakes
only L4 as a <b>short</b> <b>tuft</b> , the anterior short setae are simple; thorax somewhat inflated	acute-triangular; <b>3</b> median teeth; late- rally a conspicuous tuft of setae ('beard')	brown; otherwise similar to <i>S. semivirens,</i> but the vertical line is hard to discern; frequently <b>pale rings</b> <b>around the eye spots</b>	<b>Parorthocladius</b> <b>nudipennis</b> mainly in cold mountain brooks
L4 or also anterior setae as <b>short to long tufts or single setae</b> of at least 1/2 segment length	broad triangular or wider; <b>1 or 2</b> median teeth; no 'beard'	yellow to dark brown; no special character	→38 Paralimnophyes Cricotopus (in part) Orthocladius (in part)

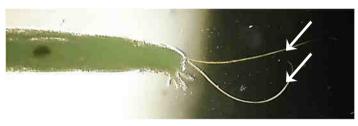
# 39: Orthocladiinae

(Abdominal setae simple or inconspicuous)

## Posterior end

1 or 2 very long anal setae, 1/3 or 1/2 of the body length

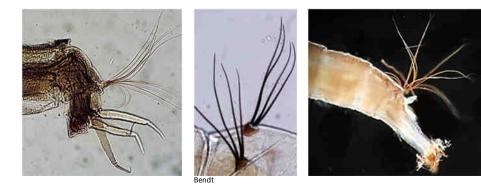
Make sure that you observe a specimen in good condition, otherwise the setae may be broken off.



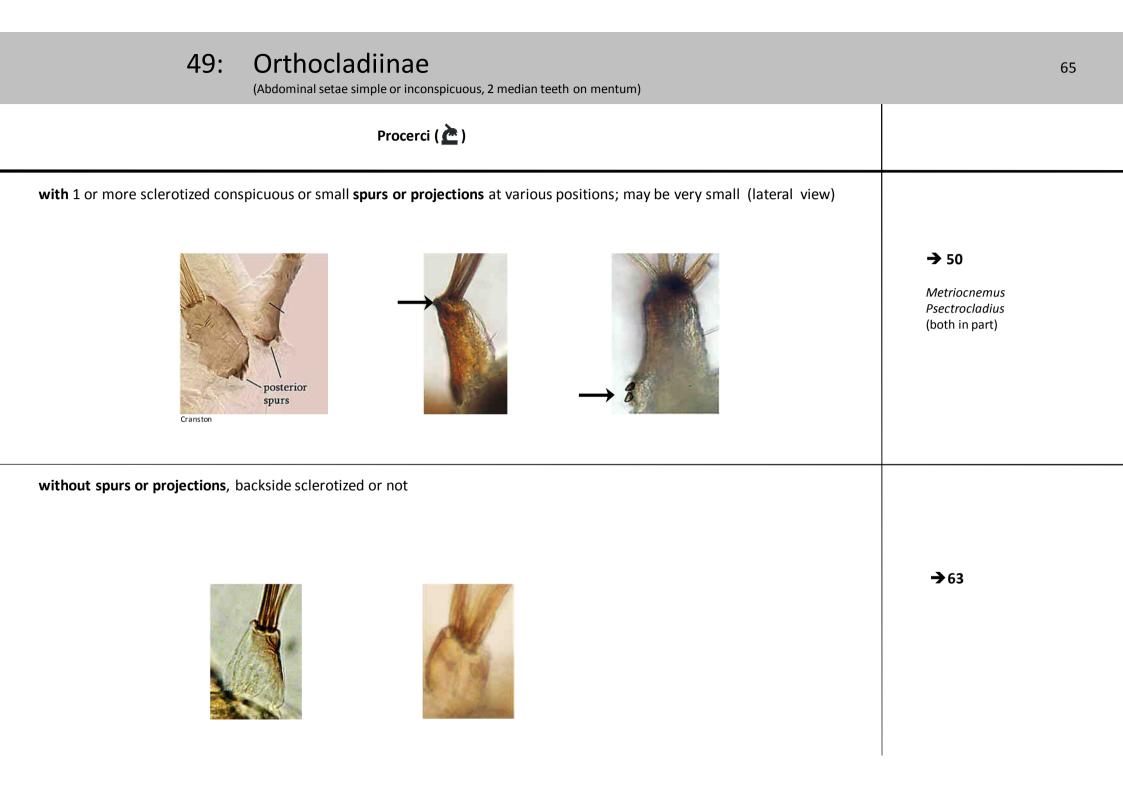
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anal setae (often much) shorter than 1/4 of body length, the length of a segment or shorter

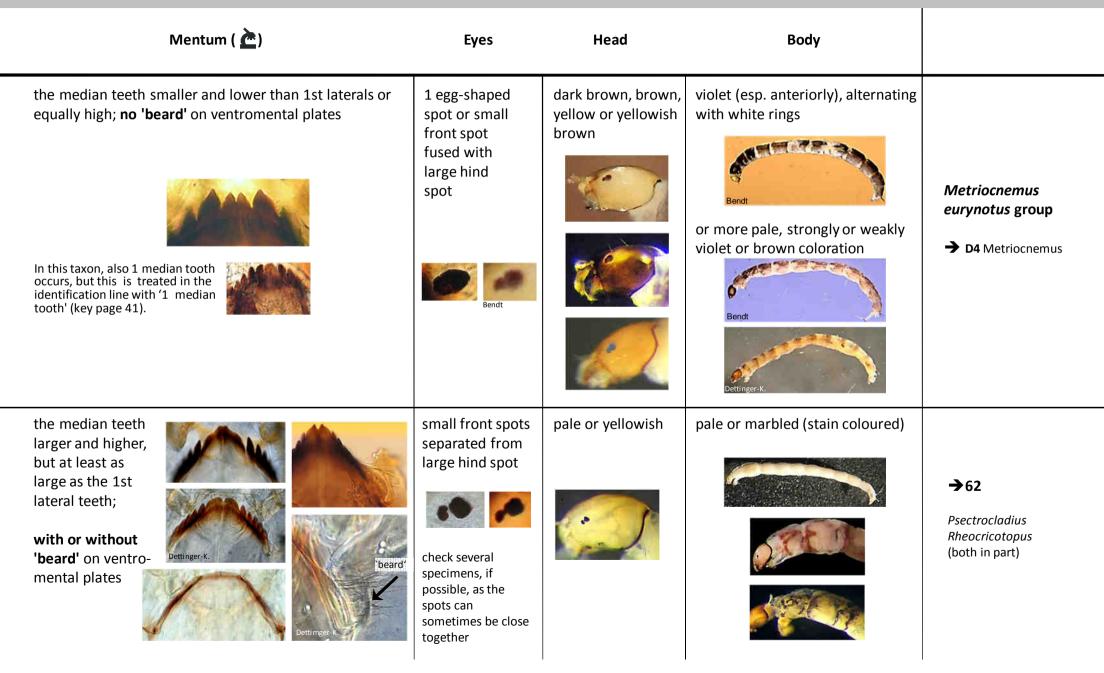


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### 50: Orthocladiinae

(Abdominal setae simple or inconspicuous, 2 median teeth on mentum, procerci with spurs)

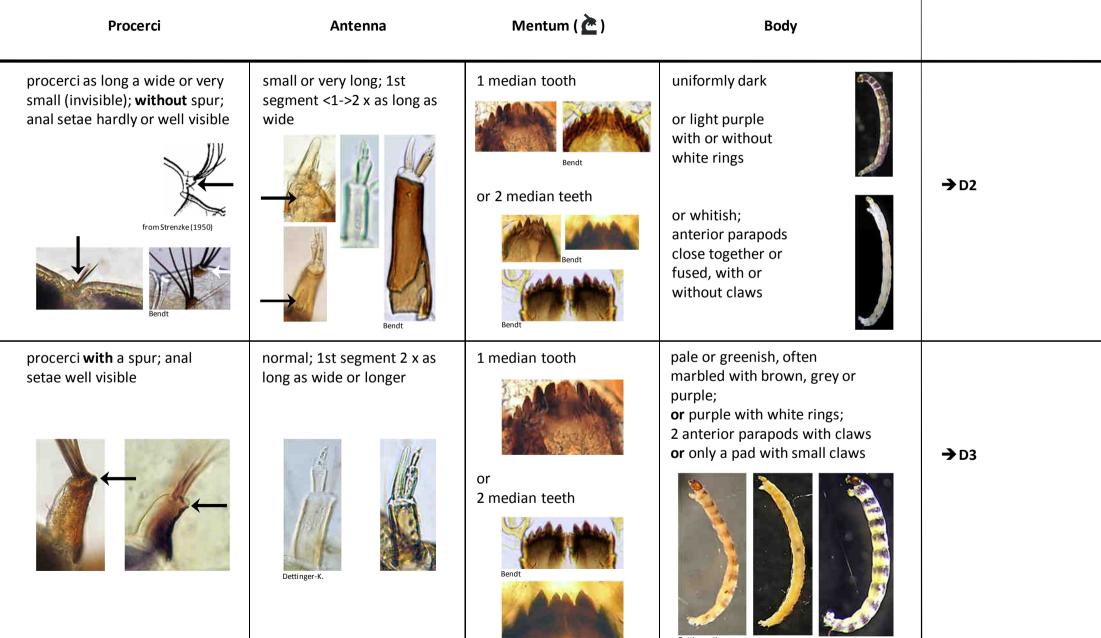


# A2: Cricotopus/Orthocladius

Mentum 🚵	Antenna ┢	Body setae (abdomen)	Labrum 隆	
the 1st, 2nd and 6th of the 6 pairs of lateral teeth strongly reduced; median tooth up to 6 x wider than 1st laterals	1st seg- ment >2 x as long as wide; 2nd segment some- what medially widened	setae at the posterior end of the segment very short or absent	premandible with 1 tooth	<b>Cricotopus (I.)</b> trifascia group hard substrates, rheophilic
the 1st, 2nd and 6th of the 6 pairs of lateral teeth strongly reduced; median tooth up to 3 x wider than 1st laterals	1st segment >2 x as long as wide; 2nd segment not widened	posterior end of segment with a bundle of setae, as long as the segment Bendt	premandible with 2 teeth	<b>Cricotopus (I.) pilitarsis</b> (= sp. 'Jasmunder Bodden' in Orendt et al., 2013) lakes and brackish coastal waters
5 uppermost teeth protruding	1st segment 1.5 x     as long as wide     Image: segment 1.5 x     Image: segment 1.5 x <tr< td=""><td>a bundle of 8-15 setae, as long as the segment</td><td>premandible with 1 tooth <math>\rightarrow</math> <math>_{Cuppen/Tempelman}</math></td><td><b>Cricotopus (I.) obnixus group</b> water plants (Moller Pillot, 2009)</td></tr<>	a bundle of 8-15 setae, as long as the segment	premandible with 1 tooth $\rightarrow$ $_{Cuppen/Tempelman}$	<b>Cricotopus (I.) obnixus group</b> water plants (Moller Pillot, 2009)
3 uppermost teeth protruding	1st segment as long as wide from Hirvenoja (1973)	posterior end of segment with a bundle of ca. 10 setae, as long as the segment	premandible with 1 tooth	<i>Cricotopus (I.) brevipalpis</i> group mining in <i>Potamogeton</i> leaves (Moller Pillot, 2009)

### D1: Metriocnemus/Thienemannia

(Abdominal setae simple or inconspicuous)



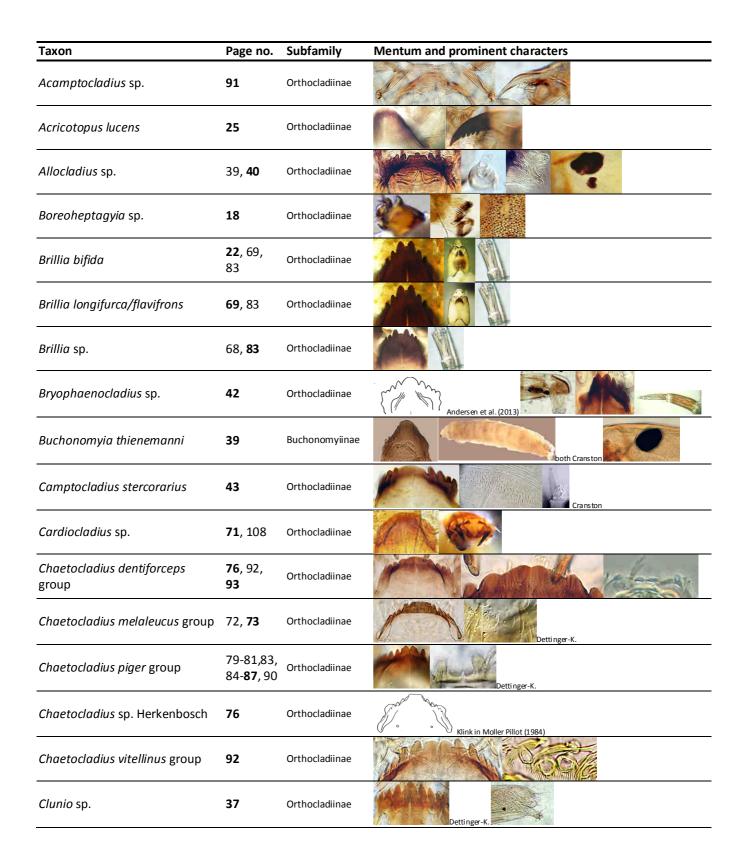
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# H2 Rheocricotopus

Lab	rum 🚵	Mentum 🏲	
premandible simple	the outer scales of pecten epipharyngis somewhat broader than the median $\widetilde{F}_{Bendt}$	each median tooth with a small secondary tooth; position of the setae submenti (ss) at the end of or below the lower end of the ventro- mental plates (v) Bendt	<b>Rheocricotopus</b> <b>chalybeatus</b> on stones and plants in brooks
	all scales of pecten epipharyngis of equal breadth	each median tooth with a small secondary tooth; position of the setae submenti (ss) <b>above</b> the lower end of the ventro- mental plates (v)	<b>Rheocricotopus</b> <b>fuscipes</b> on solid substrates and coarse organic matter in running waters or littoral zone of lakes
premandible bifid	all scales of pecten epipharyngis of equal breadth	each median tooth with a small secondary tooth, very close to the median; position of the setae submenti (ss) at the end of or below the lower end of the ventro- mental plates	Orthocladiinae sp. "Berka vor dem Hainich, Thüringen" a brook in the Thuringian Basin, Germany (Hainich National Park) This type resembles the taxa above, however, the taxonomic status is not clear, yet.

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Gymnometriocnemus sp.	44	Orthocladiinae	
Halocladius (Halocladius) fucicola	111	Orthocladiinae	Dettti nger-K.
Halocladius (Halocladius) millenarius	111	Orthocladiinae	
Halocladius (Halocladius) variabilis	111, <b>112</b>	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Halocladius (Halocladius) variabilis group	111	Orthocladiinae	
Halocladius (Halocladius) varians	111, <b>112</b>	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Halocladius (Psammocladius) braunsi	110	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Heleniella sp.	79-81, <b>83</b>	Orthocladiinae	N E
Heterotanytarsus apicalis	28	Orthocladiinae	
Heterotrissocladius grimshawi	86	Orthocladiinae	
Heterotrissocladius maeaeri	72, <b>73</b>	Orthocladiinae	Saether (1975)
Heterotrissocladius marcidus group	<b>22</b> , 85, 94	Orthocladiinae	
Heterotrissocladius subpilosus	86	Orthocladiinae	Andersen et al. (2013)
Hydrobaenus lugubris group	90	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Hydrobaenus pilipes group	90	Orthocladiinae	Andersen et al. (2013)
Hydrosmittia sp.	39, <b>40</b>	Orthocladiinae	Namayandeh & Culp
Krenosmittia sp.	56	Orthocladiinae	

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<i>Lasiodiamesa</i> sp.	33	Podonominae	
Limnophyes sp.	90	Orthocladiinae	
Mesosmittia flexuella	44	Orthocladiinae	
Metriocnemus carmencitaberta- rum	117	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Metriocnemus cavicola (syn. martinii)	119	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
<i>Metriocnemus eurynotus</i> group <i>hirticollis</i> type	58, 61, 64, 66, 115, <b>116</b>	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
<i>Metriocnemus eurynotus</i> group <i>hygropetricus</i> type	58, 61, 64, 66, 115, <b>116</b>	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Metriocnemus fuscipes group	115, 119	Orthocladiinae	all next Bendt
Metriocnemus inopinatus	60, 118	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Metriocnemus scirpi	92, 119, <b>120</b>	Orthocladiinae	Liboth Strenzke (1950)
Metriocnemus sp.	54, 58, 65, 79, 91, 92, 99, 113- 120	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Metriocnemus terrester group	60, 118	Orthocladiinae	Tempelman
Metriocnemus tristellus	117	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Metriocnemus ursinus	117	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
<i>Monodiamesa</i> sp.	47	Prodiamesinae	
Nanocladius sp.	78-80, <b>82</b>	Orthocladiinae	
Nanocladius balticus	121	Orthocladiinae	

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Nanocladius dichromus group	121	Orthocladiinae	
Nanocladius parvulus	121	Orthocladiinae	
Nanocladius rectinervis	121	Orthocladiinae	
Odontomesa fulva	25	Prodiamesinae	
Orthocladiinae sp. 'acuticauda'	17	Orthocladiinae	
Orthocladiinae sp. "Berka vor dem Hainich, Thürin- gen"	129	Orthocladiinae	
<i>Orthocladius (Eudactylocladius)</i> sp.	105	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Orthocladius (Euorthocladius) luteipes	107	Orthocladiinae	
Orthocladius (Euorthocladius) rivicola/ashei	107	Orthocladiinae	Schmid (1993)
Orthocladius (Euorthocladius) rivulorum	105	Orthocladiinae	
Orthocladius (Euorthocladius) saxosus	106	Orthocladiinae	
<i>Orthocladius (Euorthocladius)</i> sp.	104	Orthocladiinae	
Orthocladius (Euorthocladius) thienemanni	106	Orthocladiinae	
Orthocladius (Euorthocladius) thienemanni group	106	Orthocladiinae	
Orthocladius (Mesorthocladius) frigidus	106	Orthocladiinae	last both Bendt
Orthocladius (Orthocladius) sp.	105	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Orthocladius (Pogonocladius) consobrinus	68	Orthocladiinae	

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Orthocladius (Symposiocladius) holsatus	95, 97, <b>98</b>	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Orthocladius (Symposiocladius) lignicola	24	Orthocladiinae	SAN IN
Paraboreochlus minutissimus	33	Podonominae	Zest V
Parachaetocladius abnobaeus.	56	Orthocladiinae	
Paracladius sp.	71	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Paracricotopus niger	58, <b>61</b>	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Parakiefferiella bathophila	77, 113, <b>122</b>	Orthocladiinae	
Parakiefferiella cf. coronata	113, <b>122</b>	Orthocladiinae	
Parakiefferiella cf. gracillima	113, <b>122</b>	Orthocladiinae	
Parakiefferiella sp.	77, <b>122</b>	Orthocladiinae	Schmid (1993)
Parakiefferiella triquetra	77	Orthocladiinae	
Paralimnophyes longiseta	54, 87	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Parametriocnemus sp.	31	Orthocladiinae	last 2 Bendt
Paraphaenocladius sp.	45	Orthocladiinae	last 3 Dettinger-K.
Parasmittia carinata	43	Orthocladiinae	both Andersen et al. (2013)
Paratrissocladius excerptus	85	Orthocladiinae	
Parochlus kiefferi	33	Podonominae	
Parorthocladius nudipennis	53	Orthocladiinae	Cranston

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Potthastia gaedii group	48	Diamesinae	
Potthastia longimanus group	48	Diamesinae	
Prodiamesa cf. dephinensis	47	Prodiamesinae	Schmid (1993)
Prodiamesa olivacea	<b>20</b> , 47	Prodiamesinae	
Prodiamesa rufovittata	47	Prodiamesinae	
Propsilocerus lacustris	23	Orthocladiinae	
Protanypus sp.	18	Diamesinae	Andersen et al. (2013)
Psectrocladius (Allopsectrocladius) sp.	62, 124	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K. Bendt
Psectrocladius (Mesopsectrocladius) barbatipes	63, 124	Orthocladiinae	
Psectrocladius (Monopsectrocladius) calcaratus	63, 127	Orthocladiinae	Andersen et al. (2013)
Psectrocladius (Psectrocladius) barbimanus	126	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Psectrocladius (Psectrocladius) limbatellus / sordidellus group	126	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Psectrocladius (Psectrocladius) psilopterus group	63, 127	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Psectrocladius sp.	78, 123	Orthocladiinae	Detungerk, w Denut
Pseudodiamesa sp.	50	Diamesinae	
Pseudokiefferiella parva	50	Diamesinae	
Pseudorthocladius sp.	56	Orthocladiinae	
<i>Pseudosmittia</i> sp. "sensu lato"	39	Orthocladiinae	

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Pseudosmittia sp.	39, <b>40</b>	Orthocladiinae	
Rheocricotopus chalybeatus	129	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Rheocricotopus fuscipes	129	Orthocladiinae	both Dettinger-K.
Rheocricotopus glabricollis	130	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Rheocricotopus sp.	78, 128, 130	Orthocladiinae	Dettinger-K.
Rheocricotopus unidentatus	64	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Rheosmittia sp.	28	Orthocladiinae	1 - er
Smittia sp.	42	Orthocladiinae	both Dettinger-K.
Stilocladius montanus	77	Orthocladiinae	both Bendt
Symbiocladius rhithrogenae	19	Orthocladiinae	
Sympotthastia sp.	51	Diamesinae	both Andersen et al.(2013)
Syndiamesa sp.	<b>23</b> , 51, <b>52</b>	Diamesinae	
Synorthocladius semivirens	53	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Telmatogeton japonicus	36	Telmatogetoninae	Bendt
Thalassomya frauenfeldi	36	Telmatogetoninae	all 3 Bendt
Thalassosmittia thalassophila	37	Orthocladiinae	Andersen et al. (2013)
Thienemannia sp.	60, 118, 120	Orthocladiinae	all Bendt
Thienemanniella sp.	29	Orthocladiinae	

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Tokunagaia sp.	88, <b>89</b>	Orthocladiinae	Andersen et al (2013)
Trissocladius sp.	92, <b>94</b>	Orthocladiinae	Bendt
Tvetenia calvescens group	79, <b>80</b>	Orthocladiinae	
Tvetenia discoloripes group	72- <b>74</b>	Orthocladiinae	Schmid (1993)
Tvetenia tshernovskii	72- <b>74</b>	Orthocladiinae	Schmid (1993)
Zalutschia sp.	<b>82</b> , 92- <b>94</b>	Orthocladiinae	

### Other illustrated keys for Chironomidae larvae

Orendt C. & Spies M. (2012): Chironomini (Diptera: Chironomidae: Chironominae). Keys to Central European larvae using mainly macroscopic characters. Second, revised edition. Leipzig, 64 p., ISBN 978-3-00-038842-2; available only as PDF-file, 30.00 € Preview and orders: www.hydro-bio.de/chironomidae.htm

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Bilingual edition (German/English), Zweisprachige Ausgabe (deutsch/englisch) Leipzig, 24 p., ISBN 978-3-00-038789-0; available only as PDF-file, 15.00 € Preview and orders: www.hydro-bio.de/chironomidae.htm

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Baltic Sea areas.]. German edition.

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### **Other DGL Tools (DGL-Arbeitshilfen)**

DGL-Arbeitshilfe 1-2017

Faasch H. (2017): Identification guide to genera of aquatic Coleoptera larvae. Bestimmungshilfe für aquatische Käferlarven-Gattungen. Bilingual edition (English and German). - Editor: Dt. Ges. für Limnologie (German Limnological Society) e. V., Hardegsen, 136 p., ISBN 978-3-9818302-0-0. Price: 25.00 € + shipping costs

#### DGL-Arbeitshilfe 1-2015

Faasch H. (2015): *Identification guide to aquatic and semi-aquatic Diptera larvae.* Bestimmungshilfe für aquatische und semiaquatische Dipterenlarven. Bilingual edition (English and German). - Editor: Dt. Ges. für Limnologie (German Limnological Society) e. V., Hardegsen, 179 p., ISBN 978-3-9813095-6-0. Price: 25.00 € + shipping costs

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Arbeitskreis "Flachseen" der DGL [Work group shallow lakes] (2014): Handlungsempfehlung zur Abschätzung der Chancen einer Wiederansiedlung von Wasserpflanzen bei der Restaurierung von Flachseen in Deutschland. Editor: Dt. Ges. für Limnologie (German Limnological Society) e. V., Hardegsen, ISBN-Nr.: 978-3-9813095-4-6, Price: 10.00 € + shipping costs

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These richly illustrated keys (with more than 1,650 figures, mostly as photographs in colour) separate larvae of non-biting midges of the subfamilies Orthocladiinae, Prodiamesinae, Diamesinae, Buchonomyiinae, Telmatogetoninae, and Podonominae by genera or some smaller taxa. At least for genera, the geographical range covers the central, western, and southern part of Europe. Like earlier published identification keys for Chironomini and Pseudochironomini (Diptera: Chironominae) in 2012, this tool is **directed mainly at workers with little previous experience** in chironomid larvae, to facilitate more identifications of these organisms and better use of the information they offer to science and management applications. Although frequently smaller body size and larger variety as in Chironomini seem to require more precise observation, the keys maintain the emphasis on morphological **features** that are visible macroscopically without elaborate preparations, wherever possible. For a series of genera, higher taxonomic resolution is possible either in separate sections included in this book or in offering references to special literature, with which further determinations can be attempted. Finally, the index provides not only taxon name and page number, but gives also a thumbnail picture of prominent characters to support the remembering and re-finding of the taxa.

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