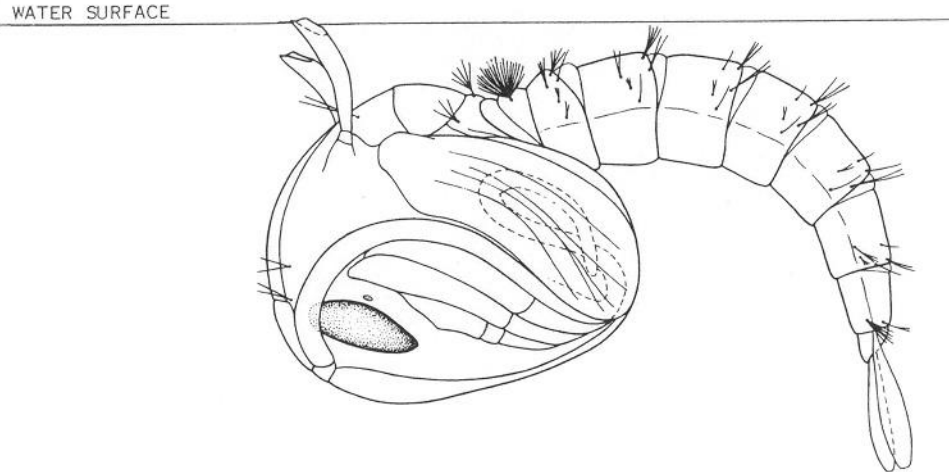


# MOSQUITO PUPA

TYPICAL OF ALL TYPES OF NAPA COUNTY MOSQUITOES



1. Mosquito pupae, commonly called “tumblers”, must live in water. This stage of the mosquito’s life cycle can last as long as 3 to 4 days.
2. The pupa is lighter than water and therefore floats at the surface. It takes in oxygen through two breathing tubes. When it is disturbed it dives in a jerking, tumbling motion and then floats back to the surface. The pupa does not eat.
3. The metamorphosis of the mosquito is completed within the pupal case by the formation of the adult mosquito.
4. The adult mosquito splits the back of the pupal case and emerges where it will rest until its body can dry and harden.