

ADULT INSECT SPECIMENS

Winged

HOW TO USE THIS KEY

This key is designed to help identify only adult insects so make certain you have an adult insect. Special keys are required to identify immature insects.

If the insect has wings--use this side of the key. If the insect is without wings use the other side. Insect wings vary in their appearance from very delicate membranes to hard-leathery shell-like structures. Starting at the top, follow the broken line to the crossroad (+). At the crossroad you must go either one of two or three ways. Always try the heavy line first. If the description fits your specimen and an order name is in the box, you have identified your specimen. If the description does not fit your specimen, then go back to the crossroad (+) and take the other road. This description should fit your specimen. Continue following the line to the next crossroad and repeat the procedure by again taking the heavy line to the order.

