

Mostly Insects



“Assassin Bugs belong to the insect order Hemiptera, which includes many insects, both good and bad, in our gardens. All Hemiptera share one characteristic: a mouthpart designed to penetrate surfaces and feed on liquid foods. In the plant-feeding Hemiptera, (e.g., aphids), the mouthpart is long and delicate allowing it to bite deep into plant tissues and extract carbohydrate-rich sap. Assassin bugs (Family: Reduviidae), have short stout mouthparts allowing them to penetrate the exoskeletons of other insects.”

(<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/michigan-insects-in-the-garden-week-3-assassin-bugs>)

I noticed this one perched on my thumb as I was wandering through a nearby forest. Although he struck several poses during our meeting, he did not, as far as I can tell, try to assassinate my thumb. July 7, 2022, 4:01 PM.





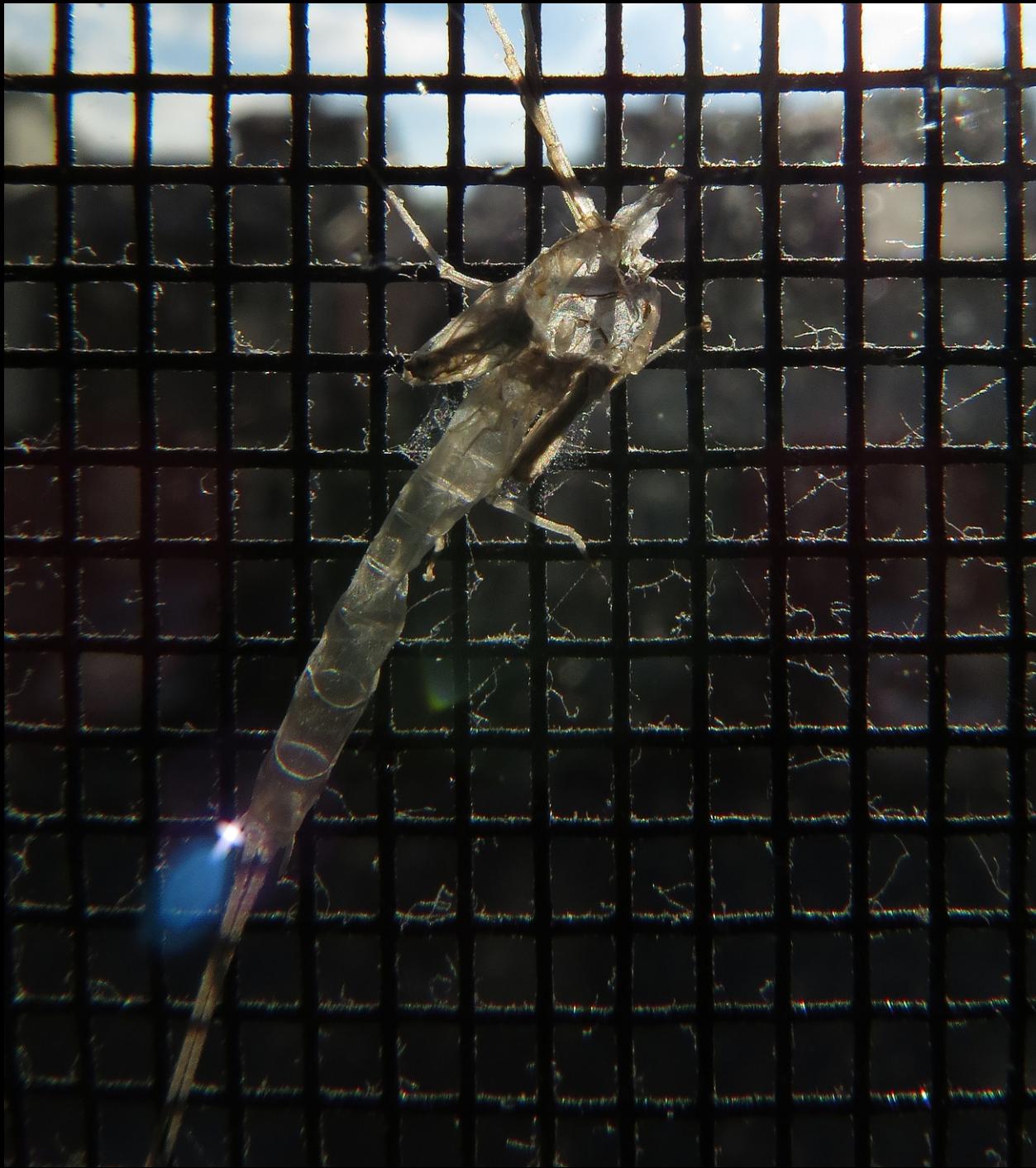
Pholcidae Spider. At first glance, I thought it was mired in some sticky syrup from the tree. When I opened it in PhotoShop, I realized it was its natural colour.



Wasp, Northern Paper - I think



**Western yellowjacket wasp
(perhaps *V. pensylvanica*)**



Remnants of an Ichneumon Fly



Common Green House Fly



Dragon Fly, in a neighbor's garden



Dragon Fly laying eggs



**Dragon Fly - might be a
Red-veined Darter**



Shad Fly 1



Shad Fly 2



Shad Fly 3



Bumble Bee



Yellow Dung Fly - *Scathohaga stercoraria*



Enwrappedtured



Might Be a Honey Bee



Expired. Central Park, NYC, 2015