

# Insect life cycles

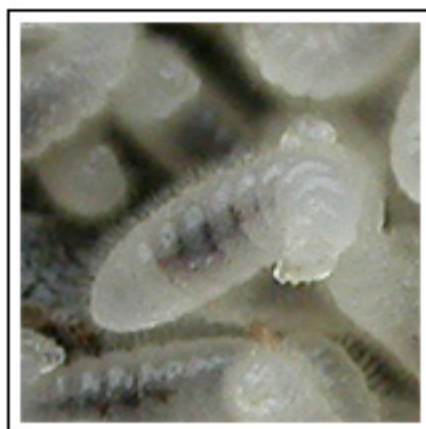
## The caterpillar or larva



Most insects go through four stages of growth to complete their life cycle and become an adult.



Other insects and spiders do things very differently. They hatch from eggs as tiny versions of their parents and have to shed their skins several times, before growing into an adult.



The caterpillars and larva in the photographs on the left of this sheet, are shown next to the insect they grew up into.



### Life cycle stages

