

## The larva of *Ecclisopteryx malickyi* Moretti, 1991 (Trichoptera: Limnephilidae: Drusinae), with comments on the genus

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### Abstract

The paper presents a description of the hitherto unknown larva of *Ecclisopteryx malickyi* Moretti 1991. Information for the identification of this species is given, and the most important diagnostic features are illustrated. Some zoogeographical and ecological notes are added. Furthermore, larval morphology of the whole genus is discussed and differentiating characters are given.

**Key words:** genus *Ecclisopteryx*, *Ecclisopteryx malickyi*, 5th instar larva, description, identification

### Introduction

According to Malicky (2005), the rare *Ecclisopteryx malickyi* Moretti is one of 5 *Ecclisopteryx* species worldwide. Three of them (*Ecclisopteryx dalecarlica* Kolenati, *E. guttulata* Pictet and *E. madida* McLachlan) are included in the larval keys of Pitsch (1993) and Waringer and Graf (1997, 2004), the larva of *E. asterix* Malicky was described by Urbanič *et al.* (2003) whereas *E. malickyi* has been unknown so far. Recently, larvae and pupae of an *Ecclisopteryx* species morphologically close to *E. asterix* were collected from Trentino Alto Adige, Italy. Adults and mature pupae clearly identified the unknown larvae as *E. malickyi*.

### Description of the 5th instar larva of *Ecclisopteryx malickyi* (head width $\geq 1.5$ mm)

Material examined: *Ecclisopteryx malickyi*: 5 fifth-instar larvae and 1 fourth-instar larva from Camposilvano, Trentino Alto Adige, Italy, were collected on 17.VII.2007 by W. Graf. In addition, 10 specimens of *E. asterix* from the Babniakgraben and Loiblbach, Carinthia, Austria, were checked for morphological characters in order to separate the species.

Body length of final-instar larva: 7.0–10.9 mm; head width: 1.5–1.6 mm. Length of larval case: 7.0–10.7 mm. Smooth case slightly curved and tapering posteriorly (width at anterior opening