Insect Antenna & its Modifications



\$uniramous (unbranched), segmented and mobile structures

basally fixed in to deep antennal socket (antennifer)

Antennal socket is provided with an antennal suture

 \clubsuit The base of socket is connected to the edge of the socket by an articulatory

membrane For free movement of antennae



Exceptions

Absent in Protura and Class Arachnida and 2 Pairs in Crustacea

✤In Chalcidoids, Flagellum is divided into basal Ring, middle Funicle and upper Club

✤In Collembola & Diplura, Antennae are muscular, Hence Segmented type

✤Johnstons organs are absent in Collembola & Diplura

Functions

sense organ responding to touch, smell, odour,

humidity, temperature & air currents or wind speed.

✤ Jhonston's organ on pedicel -auditory organ responding to sound and measuring the speed of air currents.

- ✤ Help the mandibles for holding prey and for mastication of food material
- ✤ Helps in sexual dimorphism
- \clubsuit Useful for clasping the female during copulation
- * Aid in respiration by forming an air funnel in aquatic insects.



FILIFORM (thread-like)



The segments of flagellum are of same thickness and thread-like.

- Example :
- Grass hopper





SETACEOUS (whip-like)

The segments of flagellum are taper towards apex. Example : Dragon fly, Cockroach





MONILIFORM (bead-like)

The segments of flagellum are globular and bead-like with clear constrictions.

Example : Termites





PECTINATE (comb)



The segments of flagellum have long stiff projections on one side.

Example : Female Arctiid moths





BIPECTINATE (Double comb)

- The segments of flagellum have long stiff projections on both sides.
- Example : Male Lymantrids, Mulberry silk moth

Ravy

SERRATE OR DENTATE (tooth-like)

The segments of flagellum have tooth-like projections on one side.

Example : Pulse Beetles

CLAVATE (club-like)

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The segments of flagellum are gradually broaden towards apex.

Example :Butterfly

Clavate with Hook

The segments of flagellum are gradually broaden towards apex structure with a terminal hook like curve Example : Skipper Butterfly

CAPITATE (knob-like)

The segments of flagellum Suddenly thickened to form a knob-like structure.

Example : Red Flour Beetle

GENICULATE (elbow-like)

In these the scape is very long and flagellum forms a sharp bend like a flexed arm.

Example : Ant, Honey bee

LAMMELLATE (Plate-like)

The terminal segment of flagellum are extended into leaf-like plates on one side.

Example : Rhinoceros beetle

FLABELLATE (tongue-like)

The segments of flagellum are produced into long and thick tongue-like projections.

Example : Male stylopid

PLUMOSE (feather-like)

The segments of flagellum have thick whorls of long hairs.

Example : Male mosquito

Male (Plumose)

The segments of flagellum have very thin whorls of hairs . Example :Female mosquito

Female (Pilose)

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ARISTATE (arista-like)

The segments of flagellum form an arista or bristle like structure on dorsal surface

Example : House fly

STYLATE (styliform)

The flagellum forms a long unsegmented , terminal hair. Example : Robber fly

