

FAMILY PHENGODIDAE
(Glowworms)

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Only one species of Phengodidae occurs in Canada. The larvae of most species are luminescent, hence the vernacular name glowworms. The larvae feed on soft-bodied insects and other small organisms. The females are larviform but have compound, instead of simple, eyes. Adults and larvae occur in leaf litter and under logs, bark, and debris on the ground. The males come to light.

Wittmer (1975) revised the North American species of the genus *Phengodes*, the only genus occurring in Canada.

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Genus PHENGODES Illiger

Key to North American species: Wittmer (1975)

(Subgenus PHENGODES s.str.)

P. plumosa (Olivier)

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