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## ABSTRACT

This is the second part of a detailed morphological study of the larch sawfly Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.). This part deals with the ultimate larval instar. Literature on the morphology of sawfly larvae is reviewed, and illustrations are presented to assist in describing the morphological structures.

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This is the second of two interim reports on the morphology of the larch sawfly, Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.). The first (Wong, 1958) covered the external morphology of the male and female adults. This report covers the external morphology of the ultimate larval instar. The external morphology of the larval stage is identical for both sexes, although the larva of the male generally is smaller than that of the female.

The photographic plates of the two reports are numbered consecutively with the view to amalgamation for a more comprehensive publication at a later date.

As indicated in the earlier report (Wong, 1958), this morphological study is part of a treatise that will lend to a better understanding of the taxononly and phylogeny of the sawfly species within the genus Pristiphora. Because of the difficulty of identifying most species of sawflies, it is essential to be familiar with the structures of the adults and larvae. Once the gross characters of a representative species of Pristiohora are understood, the complex pattern of evolutionary trends should be more readily discerned. The taxonomy and phylogeny of the species in the genus will be the subject matter of the third and last report in this series of studies.

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8. INTRODUCTION

Evidence on the evolution of the genus Pristiphora should be sought not only in the adult but also in the larval form. Unfortunately, there is a dearth of information on the larval morphology of sawflies in literature. The most notable works on this subject are by Middleton (1921) on Neodiprion lecontei (Fitch), Bird (1927) on Hoplocampa halcyon (Nort.), Forsslund on Iygaeonematus subarcticus Forssi., Zocchi (1948) on Micronematus abbreviatus Htg., Rivard (1955) on Cephalcia marginata Middlekauff, Tokunaga et al on Arge nigrinodosa Motschulsky, and Ciampolini (1957) on Taxonus agrorum Faden.

A morphological study of the larch sawfly is undertaken, based on the following works: the comparative morphology of sawfly larvae, Yuasa (1922) and Lorenz and Kraus (1957); the terminology of the larval parts, Middleton (1921) and Yuase (1922); the head of larval Hymenoptera, Short (1952); the anatomy of the head of tenthredinid larvae, Parker (1934); and the larval head of Pachynematus, Duporte (1946).

## 2. THE HESD

The larval head of $\underline{P}$. erichsonii (Htg.) is hypognatnous, like that of the adult; but unlike the adult, it is not of the open-head type. The occipital foramen is separated from the oral cavity or maxacava by the tentorial bar (Fig. 35, TBR). This condition resembles the maxapontal-head type of adult sawflies (Ross, 1937). The head is subglobose and somewhat circular in outline. It is reticulate and covered with setae, which are most numerous and longest on the ventral part of the head. The head has a large frontoparietal region (Fig. 34, FP) on the cephalic aspect. The ventral
area of this region is partially divided by the vertical frontogenal sulci (Fig. 34, FGS) into three lobes. The median lobe is the frons (Fig. 34, F). It is lightly sclerotized ventrally, generally with 15 to 19 setae, in addition to a pair of elongate depressions for muscle attachment. The two lateral lobes, which possess the longest setae on the frontoparietal region, are the genae (Fig. 34, GE). The dorsal area of the frontoparietal region, or vertex (Fig. 34, VE), is divided by cleavage lines in the form of an inverted $Y$. The stem of the $Y$ is the long sinuated coronal suture (Fig. 34, CS), which originates from the occipital foramen (Fig. 35, OCF) and runs along the mid-line of the vertex. The arms of the $Y$ are the sinuated frontal. suture (Fig. 34, FS). It extends obliquely laterad for a short distance and then ventrad towards the anterior mandibular articulation. The frontal suture marks the dorsal boundary of the frons. Lateral sulci (Fig. 35, LS), or vertical sulci, are present on the dorsal part of the vertex. These are situated on either side of the coronal suture, extending from the occipital forasmen to the dorsal surface of the head. Internally, these sulci are marked by the lateral ridges (Fig. 37, LR). Paired dorsal and ventral depressions are evident for muscle attachments along the cleavage lines of the cranium. The paired, dorsal depressions are located on the dorsal end of the frontai suture on either side of the ventral end of the coronal suture. The paired, ventral depressions are near the bend of the frontal suture. Below the ventral pair of cranial depressions are situated the anterior tentorial pits (Fig. 34, ATP) on the frontogenal sulci. The frontogenal sulcus (Fig. 34, FGS) widens ventrally to the anterior mandibular articulation. This sulcus is marked internally by the frontogenal inflection (Fig. 37 FGI), which is associated dorsally with the anterior tentoral arm (Fig. 37, AT),
and ventrally with the anterior mandibular articulation (Fig. 37, AMA). Along the ventral edge of the gena, between the mandibular articulations (Fig, 37, ANA and PNA) is the subgenal inflection (Fig. 37, SGI). This is united with tine frontogenal inflection at the anterior mandibular articulation. The subgenal inflection is visible externally as a darkly pigmented area. The small clear subglobal eye (Fig. 34, E) or ocellara is situated on the lower side of the head dorsad of the antenna (Fig. 34, ANT), It is set in a darkly pigmented circular ring, the ocularium (Fig. 34, OU).

The frons is separated from the clypeus (Fig. 34, CL) by a wide shallow groove, the frontoclypeal sulcus (Fig. 34, FCS). This is heavily sclerotized, in sharp contrast to the lightly sclerotized ventral area of the frons and the clypeus, The frontoclypeal sulcus forms the internal frontoclypeal inflection (Fig. 37, FCI). DuPorte (1946) has indicated that in larva of Pachynematus, "there is a shallow open groove in the typical position of the frontoclypeal inflection which is apparently an obsolescent sulcus." The lightly sclerotized clypeus is wider than long, with the oblique sides converging toward the truncate distal margin. The four setae present on the clypeus are groupedin pairs on each side along the dorsal margin. Yuasa (1922) indicated the clypeus of the larva of P. erichsonii (Htg.) as possessing a postclypeus and a preclypeus. The postclypeus is here designated as the frontoclypeal sulcus, and the preclypeus as the clypeus. The labrum (Fig. 34, LA) is ventrad of the clypeus and separated from the latter by the clypeolabral suture. It is about twice as broad as long with rounded lateral sides and a median emargination on the distal margin. Four long setae are present on the labrum, two on each side of the small circular pits on the
meson. The labrum (Fig. 36) is divided by a median and two lateral oblioue depressions. These converge distally at the median emargination, defining a medium and two lateral areas. Parker (1934) defines the medium part as the prelabrum and the lateral parts as the true labrum. On the dorsolateral angle of the labrum is a pair of narrow sclerites, the tormae (Fig. ©, TOR) which are concealed by the clypeus. The inner surface (epipharynx, Fig. 40) is rugose, marked by long setae along the lateral, distal, and mesal areas. A narrow $V$-shaped sclerotized band is present on the meson, diverging from the distal margin.

The head is concave in cephalic view with the tentorial bar (Fig. 35, TBR) separating the occipital foramen from the oral cavity. The occipital foramen is surrounded dorsally and laterally by the postoccipital sulcus (Fig. 35, POS), which discloses a narrow crescent-shaped postocciput (Figs. 35, 37, PO). The postoccipital sulcus is indicated internally by the postoccipital ridge (Fig. 37, POR). The posterior tentorial pits (Fig. 35, PTP) are situated at the lower ends of the postoccipital sulcus and the lateral ends of the tentorial bar. Laterad of the postoccipital sulcus is a thickening and sclerotization of the cranial wall, marking the position of the occipital sulcus (Fig. 35, OCS). This structure separates the gena (Fig. 35, GE) from the postgena (Fig. 35, PG). Although it lacks the internai ridge that is characteristic of a sulcus, it is called occipital sulcus by Short (1952) because it can be homologized to a strengthening bar in the position of the occipital sulcus of ortnopteroid insects. The hypostomal ridge (Fig. 37, HSR) marks externally a ti_ickened and sclerotized area, the hypostoma (Fig. 35, HST), caudad of the mandibles.

### 2.1 The Tentorium

The tentorium is not as well developed as in the adult. The most conspicuous part is the tentorial bar (Fig. 35, TBR) extending across the back of the head. It is separated from the hypostoma (Fig. 35; HST) by a lightly sclerotized area. The posterior tentorial pits (Fig. 35, PTP) occur at the lower ends of the postoccipital sulcus. They mark the position of the posterior tentorial arms (Fig. 35, PT), which are invaginated mesally. A lightly sclerotized narrow area is present on the meson between the posterior tentorial arms. The anterior tentorial arms (Fig. 35, 37, AT) extend caudally from the anterior tentorial pits (Fig. 34, ATP) to the mesoventral area of the tentorial bar. Another lightly sclerotized area is present between the tentorial bar and the anterior tentorial arms. The dorsal tentorial arms (F'ig. 35, 37, DT) arise from the anterior tentorial arms and extend cepheilicaliy and dorsally toward the cranial wall. Situated on the ventral margin of the tentorial bar is the paracoila (Fig. 35, PAC), which articulates with the maxilla.

### 2.2 The Appendages of the Head

The antennae are situated dorsad of the mandibles and ventrad of the eyes. Each is set in the oval antaccria (Fig. 38, ATA), and surrounded by the antennal suture (Fig. 38, AS) or antennaria. It consists of four segments and is subconical in shape. The first segment is minute with a small light coloured sensorium; the second and third segments are ring-like with two light coloured sensoria; and the fourth segment is mammillate.

The mandibles (Fig. 43) are stout, dicondylic sclerotized structures, each possessing a single lateral seta. The left and right mandibles are
assymetrical in shape and size of the dentes.

The maxillae, labium, and hypopharynx are united to form a complex structure.

The maxillae occupy a lateral position in this complex and are covered with numerous sensoria and a few conspicuous setae. The proximal part of the maxilla is the cardo. This is divided into a subcardo (Fig. 42, SUC), which articulates with the paracoila (Fig. 35, PAC), and a slightly smaller triangular alacardo (Fig. 42, AL). On the lateral margin of the cardo is a triangular lobe called the cardinal lobe (Fig. 42, CDL) by Parker (1934). Distad of the alacardo is the stipes (Fig. 42, ST). On the caudal surface of the stipes are very narrow mesal and lateral sclerotized bands and a small sclerotized proximal area. The sclerotic bar thus formed may be called the stipital sclerite (Fig. 42, STS) by Short (1952). The stipital sclerite, according to Short (1952), is homologous with the sulcus and ridge of the stipes of orthopteroid insects. The stipes is separated laterally from the subgalea (Fig. 42, SG) by the lateral sclerotized band, which produces an internal ridge. A single conspicuous seta is present on the subgalea. At the distal end of the stipes is the palpifer (Figs. 39, 42, PFP) of Yuasa (1922) and Middleton (1921) with two conspicuous setae. The palpifer has a pointed lobelike process (Fig. 42) on its mesal margin. Parker (1934) is of the opinion that the palpifer is the first segment of the maxillary palpus, which has been thrown out of position and deformed on one side by the constant pressure of the mandibles. Acceptance of this theory would mean that the maxillary palpus has five segments. Distad of the palpifer are four strongly sclerotized segments, which are generally considered as the maxillary palpus (Figs. 39, 42,

MXP). The maxialary palpus is conical in shape. The lateral and mesal surfaces of the first and second segments (Figs. 41, 42, NXP) vary greatly in length. The second segment has one seta. Mesad of the maxillary nalpus and distad of tif subgalea is the strongly sclerotized, conically-shaped galea (Figs. 39, 42, GL) curving slightly mesodorsally. The lacinia (Figs. 39, 42, IC) is situated mesad of the galea and is compressed against the side of the nypopnarynx (Fig. 42, HP). It is a flattened, sclerotized structure, with a row of about twelve long setae on its distal margin. This row of spine-like setae is referred to as the lacinial roster by Parker (1934).

The labium (Fig. 42, Lï), which is situated between the maxillae, possesses artw scattered setae and several sensoria. It consists of the prementum, the postmentum, palpigers and the labial palpi. The prementum (Fig. 42, PRM) is a moveable heart-shaped structure, and is more heavily sclerotized than the postmentum (Fig. 42, PM). It bears the palpigers (Fig. 42, PGR), the 2-segmented labial palpi (Fig. 42, LP), and four conspicuous setae. The labial palpus is conical, with each segment strongly sclerotized. As in other sawfly larvae the glossae and paraglossae, or ligula, are fused with the hypopnarynx (Fig. 42, HP) to form a median terminal lobe. At the apex of this lobe is the orifice of the silk press or sericos (FIg. 42, SLO). The postmentum is broadly adnate to the ventral wall of the head. The distal part of the postmentum is more sclerotized than the proximal part.

## 3. THE THORAX

The thorax, as well as the abdomen, is divided into primary segments; these segments are usually subdivided into annulets, lobes, areas,
and folds. The subdivisions may be glabrous or setiferous. When setiferous they may be associated with one or more external openings of cutaneous glands, which are indicated by sessile sclerotized rings called glandubae. The location of the setae and shape of the glandubae are useful taxonomic characters.

The thorax is connected to the head by a cervical membrane or cervacoria. It is supported on each side by an oblioue sclerotized cervical sclerite (Fig. 4l, CSC). This sclerite has a cephalic articulation with the postocciput (Fig. 37, PO) and broadens caudally in front of the prehypopleurite (Fig. 4l, PRH). The prehypopleurite has been referred to as the episternumepimeron by Yuasa and eupleuron by Crampton.

The tergum of the thorax is designated as that part of the larva that lies dorsad of the spiracular and postspiracular areas. The prothoracic, mesothoracic, and metathoracic terga are distinct. The tergum of each primary segment is divided into four annulets (Fig. 4l, AiNi), designated as A, $B, C$, and $D$, but because of constriction and folding of annulet $A$, the prothoracic tergum appears to have only three annulets. The annulets of the mesothoracic and metathoracic terga show identical characteristics, viz., annulet $A$ (Fig. 4l, A) largest in size and bearing setae on the dorsal area; annulet $B$ (Fig. 41, B) second largest and bearing setae and usually a glanduba on the dorsolateral area; annulet C (Fig. 4l, C) equal to $D$ in size, and bearing setae and glandubae on the dorsal and lateral areas; annulet D (Fig. 4l, D) glabrous, bearing neither seta nor glanduba.

The thoracic pleuron is convex. The pleuron of each segment con-
sists of four lobes and two areas. The lobes are the preepipleurite, the postepipleurite, the posthypopleurite, and the prehypopleurite. The preepipleurite (Fig. 4l, PRE) is the large dorsocephalic lobe characterized by the presence of generally 8 to 14 setae and 2 or 3 glandubae; the postepipleurite (Fig. 41, PSE), which lies imnediately caudad of the preepipleurite, is glabrous, bearing neither setae nor glandubae; the posthypopleurite (Fig. 4l, PSH) is a setal-bearing lobe above the thoracic leg, usually with 3 to 5 setae in a small sclerotized area; the prehypopleurite (Fig. 4l, PRH) is a sclerotized triangular lobe cepinalad of the coxa (Fig. 4l, CX), and bears generally 8 to 14 setae. The two areas of each thoracic segment are the spiracular area and the postspiracular area. The former area (Fig. 4l, SAR) is identified by the position of the spiracle on the prothorax and the metathorax. The metathoracic spiracle (Fig. 4l, $\mathrm{SP}_{2}$ ) is smaller than that of the prothorax (Fig. 4l, $\mathrm{SP}_{1}$ ). The postspiracular area (Fig. 4l, PSA) armed with setae and glandubae is ventrad of annulet $C$, and caudad of the spiracular area.

The sternum of each flattened thoracic segment (Fig. 45) is apparently divided into four folds. Five small sclerotized tubercles are present on the venter. These are located as follows: A median tubercle with 2 or 3 setae in front of the thoracic legs; a lateral glabrous pair between the thoracic legs; and a mesal pair witi 3 or 4 setae between the median and lateral tubercles.

### 3.1 The Appendages of the Thorax

The thoracic legs are setiferous and more widely spaced from each other on the metathorax than on the meso- and prothorax. The 5-segmented leg is supported by the prehypopleurite (Fig. 4l, PRH) and the posthypopleurite
(Fig. 4l, PSH). The large subconical proximal segment is the coxa (Fig. 44, CX). An oblique suture (Fig. 44, SUT) extends from the strongly sclerotized angle next to the prehypopleurite to the laterodistal end of the coxa. A dark sclerotized ring-like thickening is also evident at the distal end. of this segment. The mesal surface of the trochanter (Fig. 44, TR) is longer than the lateral surface. I dark sclerotized ring-like thickening is also evident at the proximal end of the trochanter. The cylindrical femur (Fig. 44, Fii) has a dark ring-like thickening present on the distal end, and a femoral process (Fig. 44, FPS) at the distomesal end. The subcylindrical tibia (Fig. 44, TI) is tapered distally. It is subequal in length to the femur. The distal segment of the leg is the curved sclerotized tarsal claw (Fig. 44, TC), with a small subtooth on the ventral surface.

## 4. THE ABDOMEN

The abdomen tapers slightly caudally, and consists of ten segments. These show the same general characteristics as noted for the thoracic segments, with the tergum being annulated, the pleuron divided into lobes and areas, and the sternum divided into folds. Segments 2 to 7 are similar. Each has a convex dorsum with six annulets designated as $h_{2}, B, C l, C 2, C 3$, and D dorsad of the spiracular line; a convex pleuron with three lobes and two areas ventrad of the spiracular line; a flattened venter divided into four folds, with a pair of fleshy, somewhat subconical prolegs (Fig. 47, PRL) or larvapods, and eversible ventral gland (Fig. 47, EGL). Each proleg generally bears one seta and one glanduba on the lateral surface. One or more setae and sessile glandubae (Fig. 47, SET, and GD) are present on the
following annulets of these segments: annulet B (Fig. 47, B), setae on the dorsum; annulet dl $^{l}$ (Fig. 47, Cl) generally with a single glanduba and three setae on the pleuron; and annulet C2 (Fig. 47, C2), setae and glandubae on the dorsum and pleuron. The pleuron of each segment has a narrow vertical spiracle (Fig. 47, SP) situated on the spiracular area (Fig. 47, SkR) at the lower extremity of annulet B. Caudad of the spiracular area, and ventrad of annulet $C$, is the setiferous postspiracular area (Fig. 47, PSA ) , winich generally possesses a glanduba. Below the spiracular area is a dorsocephalic lobe, the preepipleurite (Fig. 47, PRi ) with generally 6 to 7 setae. The lobe caudad and ventrad of the preepipleurite is the postepipleurite (Fig. 47, PSE) with generally 2 to 3 glanaubae and 6 to 9 setae. The hypopleurite (Fig. 47, HYP) is the lobe ventrad of the postepipleurite and dorsad of the proleg. The second sternal fold of segments 2 to 7 generally has two setae (Fig. 46). The third sternal fold of these segments supports the prolegs. On the inner sides of the prolegs are frequently 9 to 12 setae and two glandubae. Eversible ventral glands are evident on the mesoventrum of segments lo 7 between the third and fourth sternal folds. These glands are situated behind the prolegs (Fig. $46, O E G$ ), and when fully extended are roughly heartshaped (Fig. 47, EGL).

Segment 1 resembles segments 2 to 7 in the distinct subdivisions of annulet $C$, and the presence of an eversible gland. It differs, however, from segments 2 to 7 in the absence of the prolegs. Segments 8 and 9 differ from the segments 2 to 7 by the absence of prolegs; the absence of an eversible gland; the presence of one or two setae on the dorsum of annulet $\mathfrak{h}$ (Fig. 48, $s$ ); also, the subdivision of annulet $C$ (Fig. 48, C) is not aistinct. The absence
of prolegs on the venter of segments 1,8 , and 9 are indicated by a slight transverse swelling, which generally possesses 9 to 12 setae and two glandubae on the tirird sternal fold of these segments. Segment 8 differs from segments 9 and 10 by the presence of spiracle. The spiracle on segment 8 is the largest on the abdomen. is pair of prolegs (Fig. 48, PRL) or postpedes and the anus (Fig. 48, inS) are evident on the ultimate or tenth segment. The dorsum of this segment is not divided into annulets, but possesses scattered setae and glandubae. This undivided dorsal area, called the epiproct (Fig. 48, EPI) or anal plate, has a short proximal subdorsal depression (Fig. 48, PSD). Two anal lobes are present at the caudal end of the larva. The setiferous lobe above the anus is the suranal lobe (Fig. 48, SRI), and the convex setiferous one below the anus is the subanal lobe (Fig. 48, SBL). Host of the setae on the subanal lobe are slightly stouter and longer than the ones on the suranal lobe. A narrow longitudinal lobe, which is somewhat triangular in shape is present in front of the anus, and caudad of the postepipleurite. Setae and glandubae are present on an elongate lobe dorsad and cephalad of the postpedes. This lobe appears to be the combined preepipleurite and postepipleurite of the typical abdominal segments. The sternum of the tenth segment is rather convex with no distinct folds. Setae and glandubae, however, are present on the tenth sternum around the cepahlic and lateral aspect of the proleg.

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PLATE VII
LARVA OF LARCH SAMFLY
Pristiphore erichsonii (Htg.)

Fig. 34.--Cephalic aspect of head
Fig. 35.--Caudoventral aspect of head
Fig. 36.--Cephalic aspect of labrum
Fig. 37.--Entolateral aspect of head
Fig. 38.--Lateral aspect of antenna
Fig. 39.--Cephalic aspect of right maxilla
Fig. 40.--Caudal aspect of labrum

ABBREVIATIONS

| AMA | anterior mandibular articulation |
| :--- | :--- |
| ANT | antenna |
| AS | antennal suture |
| AT | anterior tentorial arm |
| ATA | antacoria |
| ATP | anterior tentorial pit |
| CL | clypeus |
| CS | coronal suture |
| CSC | cervical sclerite |
| DT | dorsal tentorial arm |
| E | eye |
| F | frons |
| FCI | frontoclypeal inflection |
| FCS | frontoclypeal sulcus |
| FGI | frontogenal inflection |
| FGS | frontogenal sulcus |
| FP | frontoparietal region |
| FS | frontal suture |
| GE | gena |
| GL | galea |
| FP | hypopharynx |
| HSR | hypostomal ridge |
| HST | hypostoma |
| IA | labrum |
| LC | lacinia |



PLATE VIII
LARVA OF LARCH SAWFLY Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.)

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Fig. 4l.--Lateral aspect of head and thorax
Fig. 42.--Caudal aspect of mouth parts
Fig. 43.--Cephalic aspect of left and right mandibles
Fig. 44.--Cephalic aspect of left metathoracic leg
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ABBREVLATIONS

| AI alacardo | PRE | preepipleurite |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ANN annulets | PRH | prehypopleurite |
| CDI | cardinal lobe | PRN prementum |
| CSC cervical sclerite | PSA postspiracular area |  |
| CX coxa | PSE | postepipleurite |
| FM | femur | PSH posthypopleurite |
| FPS femoral process | SAR | spiracular area |
| GD glanduba | SET seta |  |
| GL galea | SG | subgalea |
| HP hypopharynx | SIO orifice of silk press |  |
| IC lacinia | SP | thoracic spiracle |
| IP labial palpus | ST | stipes |
| LU labium | STS stipital sclerite |  |
| MUP muscle apodeme | SUC | subcardo |
| INP maxillary palpus | SUT | suture |
| PFR palpifer | TC | tarsal claw |
| PGR palpiger | TI | tibia |
| PM | postmentum | TR |



PIATE IX
LARVA OF LARCE SAWFLY
Pristiphora erichsonii (Htg.)

Fig. 45. --Ventral aspect of mesothoracic segment
Fig. 46. --Ventral a spect of third abdominal segment
Fig. 47.--Lateral aspect of third abdominal segment
Fig. 48.--Lateral aspect of terminal abdominal segment

ABBREVIATIONS

| ANS anus | PSA | postspiracular area |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CX | coxa | PSD proximal subdorsal depression |
| EGI eversible gland | PSE | postepipleurite |
| EPI epiproct | PSH posthypopleurite |  |
| FMI femur | SAR | spiracular area |
| GD | glanduba | SBL subanal lobe |
| HIP hypopleurite | SET seta |  |
| OEG orifice of eversible gland | SR | abdominal spiracle |
| PRE preepipleurite | TCI suranal lobe |  |
| PRH prehypopleurite | TI tarsal claw |  |
| PRI proleg |  |  |

## PLATE IX



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0.5 mm .


