

Daddylonglegs

The daddylonglegs (*Phalangium opilio*) is very widespread in Colorado and a common resident of yards/gardens, pastures, and uncultivated areas alongside roads, ditches and fields. Being very active animals they will readily move into crops. Daddylonglegs will feed as a predator of many kinds of insects associated with hemp – aphids, caterpillars, leafhoppers. They also will feed as scavengers, on recently dead insects and earthworms. Daddylonglegs can be seen moving about during the day, but they are most active at night and spend most of the day resting on foliage.



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Phalangium opilio probably produces two generations annually in Colorado. Stages surviving through winter may include a mixture of eggs, immature nymphs, and adults. The eggs are laid in cracks of moist soil, with most egg laying usually occurring in late summer and early autumn when the adults are most abundant.

Opiliones: Phalangiidae