

This checklist covers the dragonflies and damselflies of the Rock Creek National Park.

The seasonal occurrence and relative likelihood of encountering the adults presented in this checklist are very general. Some dragonflies are present in good numbers but are not likely to be encountered by a general naturalist. Other species are very conspicuous and even though they are few in numbers stand out and are noticed. Seasonal occurrences presented are also generalized because it is often only when males mature and return to the breeding grounds that they are usually noticed.

ADULT FLIGHT SEASON

(S) = usually noticed only in the spring or early summer

(F) = usually noticed only in the late summer or fall

If not marked can be found through out the season

LIKELIHOOD OF ENCOUNTERING ADULTS

(A) = Abundant and conspicuous in appropriate habitat

(C) = Certain to be seen in suitable habitat

(U) = Present, but could easily be missed in suitable habitat

(R) = Not likely to encounter

(H) = Historical records only

DRAGONFLIES

PETALTAILS

_____ Gray Petaltail (S)(H)*

DARNERS

_____ Shadow Darner (F)(H)*

_____ Common Green Darner (C)

_____ Fawn Darner (F)(U)

_____ Swamp Darner (C)

_____ Cyrano Darner (R)

CLUBTAILS

_____ Cobra Clubtail (H)*

_____ Dragonhunter (U)

SPIKETAILS

_____ Tiger Spiketail (R)*

CRUISERS

_____ Swift River Cruiser (U)

EMERALDS

_____ Prince Baskettail (R)

_____ Umber Shadowdragon (H)*

_____ Mocha Emerald (R)*

_____ Clamp-tipped Emerald (R)*

SKIMMERS

_____ Common Pondhawk (U)

_____ White-spangled Skimmer (U)

_____ Slaty Skimmer (U)

_____ Widow Skimmer (R)

_____ Common Whitetail (A)

_____ Twelve-spotted Skimmer (U)

_____ Great Blue Skimmer (U)

_____ Blue Dasher (C)

_____ Wandering Glider (U)

_____ Spot-winged Glider (C)

_____ Eastern-amber Wing (R)

_____ Ruby Meadowhawk (H)*

DAMSELFLIES

JEWELWINGS

_____ Ebony Jewelwing (A)

_____ American Rubyspot (H)*

SPREADWINGS

_____ Southern Spreadwing (U)

POND DAMSELS

_____ Eastern Red Damsel (H)*

_____ Blue-fronted Dancer (A)

_____ Violet Dancer (C)

_____ Powdered Dancer (R)

_____ Blue-tipped Dancer (A)

_____ Dusky Dancer (C)

_____ Azure Bluet (R)*

_____ Double-striped Bluet (U)

_____ Familiar Bluet (A)

_____ Big Bluet (H)*

_____ Stream Bluet (A)

_____ Citrine Forktail (R)

_____ Lilypad Forktail (R)

_____ Fragile Forktail (A)

_____ Eastern Forktail (R)

Please report any sighting of those dragonflies or damselflies marked with an asterisk or of species not listed to a National Park Service Naturalist

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