



DRAGONFLIES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COMMON GREEN DARNER

Anax junius



Description: Males - entirely green thorax, blue abdomen w/ dark stripe on top, brown eyes and a bull's-eye pattern on head.

Habitat: Wide variety of wetlands, ponds and lakes.

Flight: May – September. In flight, early morning until dusk. Feeding swarms often form in the afternoon.

Range: Widespread and common.

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DRAGONHUNTER

Hagenius brevisylus



Description: Males and females almost identical. Black thorax with yellow stripes, black abdomen w/ yellow stripe on top, green eyes. Largest dragonfly in New Hampshire.

Habitat: Slow-flowing, forested streams, rivers and lakes.

Flight: June – August.

Range: Widespread and common.

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RINGED BOGHAUNTER

Williamsonia lintneri



STATE ENDANGERED

Description: Males and females almost identical. Dark-brown thorax, black abdomen w/ orange rings, blue-gray eyes and orange-brown face.

Habitat: Sphagnum bogs with open pools.

Flight: May; occasionally in April or June.

Range: Very rare; only known to be in 10 sites in southeastern New Hampshire.

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BROOK SNAKETAIL

Ophiogomphus aspersus



Description: Males - bright green face, eyes and thorax, black abdomen w/ yellow markings on top and medium-sized club at end.

Habitat: Streams or rivers with sand bottoms and rocks or gravel.

Flight: June – August.

Range: Uncommon throughout New Hampshire.

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EASTERN

AMBERWING *Perithemis tenera*



Description: Male - small, orange-brown dragonfly with orange wings.

Habitat: Lakes, ponds and slow streams with vegetation, usually in areas with lily pads.

Flight: June – August.

Range: Common south of the White Mountains, except at higher elevations.

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RACKET-TAILED EMERALD *Dorocordulia libera*



Description: Males - dark bronze thorax, black abdomen with medium-sized club, green eyes and iridescent green on thorax and forehead.

Habitat: Ponds, bogs and marshes.

Flight: June – July.

Range: Common throughout New Hampshire.

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SPANGLED SKIMMER

Libellula cyanea



Description: Males - dark blue thorax and abdomen, black head and eyes, black and white stigmas (spots) on wings. No other dragonfly in the Northeast has white stigmas.

Habitat: Lakes, ponds, slow streams w/vegetation.

Flight: June – August.

Range: Common south of the White Mountains, although less so at higher elevations.

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AUTUMN MEADOWHAWK *Sympetrum vicinum*



Description: Males - reddish-brown face, eyes and thorax; red abdomen with black marks underneath; clear wings. Pale brown legs distinguish this species from other meadowhawks.

Habitat: Ponds, lakes, marshes, temporary water bodies. Forages over fields, clearings far from water.

Flight: August – November.

Range: Widespread and common.

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CALICO PENNANT

Celithemis elisa



Description: Males - dark red thorax, black abdomen w/red triangles on top, wings patterned w/reddish stigmas, dark brown tips, dark reddish-brown patch on hindwings near body.

Habitat: Ponds, lakes, bogs and slow-moving streams with vegetation.

Flight: June – August.

Range: Widespread and common; less common north of the White Mountains.

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COMMON WHITETAIL



Description: Males have dark brown eyes, head and thorax; bluish-white abdomen; broad black band across wings.

Habitat: Wetlands, ponds, marshes, slow-moving rivers and streams.

Flight: May – August.

Range: Widespread and common.

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