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INTRODUCTION

This checklist of the Dragon & Damselflies Of South Gloucestershire has been prepared reflecting the status of species and forms believed to have occurred in a naturally wild state within the recording area.

The S. Gloucestershire Dragon & Damselflies List follows the conventions of the British Dragonfly Society and shows both species and forms.

THE LIST

The S. Glos Dragon & Damselflies List is under continuous review where species and forms are either added or removed following rigorous assessment. Updated on the TBOSG website, changes to the list are adopted with immediate effect.

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TAXONOMY

TBOSG has adopted the conventions of the British Dragonfly Society for all its taxonomic needs.

THE S. GLOS SYSTEMATIC LIST

Each taxon is headed followed by the vernacular name and scientific name. Species are in uppercase, forms in lowercase.

DAMSELFLIES

Seventeen (17) species and forms of Damselfly are believed to have occurred naturally in S. Gloucestershire up to July 2023.

SOUTHERN EMERALD DAMSELFLY	<i>Lestes barbarous</i>
EMERALD DAMSELFLY	<i>Lestes sponsa</i>
WILLOW EMERALD DAMSELFLY	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>
BANDED DEMOISELLE	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>
BEAUTIFUL DEMOISELLE	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>
WHITE-LEGGED DAMSELFLY	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>
AZURE DAMSELFLY	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>
VARIABLE DAMSELFLY	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>
COMMON BLUE DAMSELFLY	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>
RED-EYED DAMSELFLY	<i>Erythromma najas</i>
SMALL RED-EYED DAMSELFLY	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>
BLUE-TAILED DAMSELFLY	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>I. e. obseleta</i>
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>I. e. rufescens</i>
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>I. e. violacea</i>
SCARCE BLUE-TAILED DAMSELFLY	<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>
LARGE RED DAMSELFLY	<i>Pyrhosoma nymphula</i>

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SOUTHERN MIGRANT HAWKER	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>
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BROWN HAWKER	<i>Aeshna grandis</i>
MIGRANT HAWKER	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>
COMMON HAWKER	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>
EMPEROR DRAGONFLY	<i>Anax imperator</i>
LESSER EMPEROR DRAGONFLY	<i>Anax parthenope</i>
HAIRY DRAGONFLY	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>
GOLDEN-RINGED DRAGONFLY	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>
DOWNY EMERALD	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>
BROAD-BODIED CHASER	<i>Libellula depressa</i>
SCARCE CHASER	<i>Libellula fulva</i>
FOUR-SPOTTED CHASER	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>
KEELED SKIMMER	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>
BLACK-TAILED SKIMMER	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>
YELLOW-WINGED DARTER	<i>Sympetrum flaveolum</i>
RED-VEINED DARTER	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>
RUDDY DARTER	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>
COMMON DARTER	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>
VAGRANT EMPEROR	<i>Anax ephippiger</i>