

# Dragonfly List

(Roger Hewitt and Ian Cross)

## Affpuddle & Turnerspudde Parish

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Dragonfly Species List	Comment
<i>Aeshna cyanea</i> Southern Hawker	Widespread & frequent, especially at garden ponds
<i>Aeshna juncea</i> Common Hawker	Scarce, mainly heathland pools
<i>Aeshna mixta</i> Migrant Hawker	Widespread & frequent, but probably under-recorded
<i>Anax imperator</i> Emperor Dragonfly	Widespread, even on garden ponds. Usually singly
<i>Calopteryx splendens</i> Banded Demoiselle	Breeds mainly on the River Piddle but wanders into gardens.
<i>Ceragrion tenellum</i> Small Red Damselfly	Local on the heaths. Usually <b>not</b> the garden "red damselfly" but a colony exists on a garden pond in Briantspuddle
<i>Coenagrion puella</i> Azure Damselfly	The commonest blue damselfly on garden ponds.  Photo: Roger Hewitt
<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i> Golden-ringed Dragonfly	Breeds on small rivulets in the bogs. Adults wander widely and can turn up anywhere, even in gardens.
<i>Cordulia aenea</i> Downy Emerald	Very scarce & local. All records need confirmation! Found on tree-lined (but not shaded) heathland pools.

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<p><i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i> Common Blue Damselfly</p>	<p>Can be abundant on larger heathland pools but usually much less frequent than <i>C.puella</i> on garden ponds. Records of this species at garden ponds in the absence of <i>C. puella</i> need checking.</p>
<p><i>Ischnura elegans</i> Blue-tailed Damselfly</p>	<p>Widespread &amp; frequent.</p>
<p><i>Ischnura pumilio</i> Scare Blue-tailed Damselfly</p>	<p>Very scarce &amp; local. All records need confirmation!</p>
<p><i>Lestes sponsa</i> Emerald Damselfly</p>	<p>Local on heathland pools but easily overlooked</p>
<p><i>Libellula depressa</i> Broad-bodied Chaser</p>	<p>Widespread &amp; frequent</p>
<p><i>Libellula fulva</i> Scarce Chaser</p>	<p>Nearest breeding sites are on the River Frome. Teneral specimens are great wanderers so may turn up well away from the river.</p>
<p><i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i> Four-spotted Chaser</p>	<p>Frequent on heathland pools</p> <div data-bbox="694 1429 1362 1926">  <div data-bbox="1353 1518 1501 1662" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Photo: Roger Hewitt</div> </div>
<p><i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i> Black-tailed Skimmer</p>	<p>Widespread but usually scarce: an early succession species that disappears as pools become densely vegetated.</p>

<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i> Keeled Skimmer	Heathland pools, bogs and rivulets. Rarely in gardens.
<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i> Large Red Damselfly	Widespread & frequent.
<i>Sympetrum danae</i> Black Darter	The classic heathland bog species. Generally not recorded in gardens.
<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i> Ruddy Darter	Usually local and preferring well-vegetated pools. Has bred at a garden pond in Briantspuddle.
<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i> Common Darter	Widespread & abundant.