

Pondicherry Odonata (Dragonflies and Damselflies)

The wetlands of Pondicherry are well known locations for finding carnivorous dragonflies and damselflies. Odonata enthusiasts since 2001 have provided a list of 74 species of Odonata, a remarkable amount for an inland location of only 6,500 acres. The edges of Cherry, Little Cherry and Mud Ponds and the wetlands around Moorhen Marsh and the adjacent rail trail have been the prime locations to find dragonflies and damselflies. These species certainly have enough food to eat during the summer! It is probable that additional species are still to be found at Pondicherry.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
1-Calopterygidae	<i>Calopteryx aequabilis</i>	River Jewelwing
1-Calopterygidae	<i>Calopteryx amata</i>	Superb Jewelwing
1-Calopterygidae	<i>Calopteryx maculata</i>	Ebony Jewelwing
2-Lestidae	<i>Lestes congener</i>	Spotted Spreadwing
2-Lestidae	<i>Lestes disjunctus</i>	Northern Spreadwing
2-Lestidae	<i>Lestes dryas</i>	Emerald Spreadwing
2-Lestidae	<i>Lestes inaequalis</i>	Elegant Spreadwing
2-Lestidae	<i>Lestes rectangularis</i>	Slender Spreadwing
2-Lestidae	<i>Lestes vigilax</i>	Swamp Spreadwing
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Argia fumipennis</i>	Variable Dancer
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Chromagrion conditum</i>	Aurora Damsel
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Coenagrion resolutum</i>	Taiga Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma annexum</i>	Northern Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma aspersum</i>	Azure Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma boreale</i>	Boreal Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma ebrium</i>	Marsh Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma geminatum</i>	Skimming Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma hageni</i>	Hagen's Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Enallagma vernale</i>	Vernal Bluet
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Ischnura posita</i>	Fragile Forktail
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Ischnura verticalis</i>	Eastern Forktail
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Nehalennia gracilis</i>	Sphagnum Sprite
3-Coenagrionidae	<i>Nehalennia irene</i>	Sedge Sprite
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Aeshna canadensis</i>	Canada Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Aeshna eremita</i>	Lake Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Aeshna interrupta</i>	Variable Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Aeshna tuberculifera</i>	Black-tipped Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Aeshna umbrosa</i>	Shadow Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Anax junius</i>	Common Green Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Basiaeschna janata</i>	Springtime Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Boyeria vinosa</i>	Fawn Darner
4-Aeshnidae	<i>Gomphaeschna furcillata</i>	Harlequin Darner
5-Gomphidae	<i>Gomphus adelphus</i>	Mustached Clubtail
5-Gomphidae	<i>Gomphus borealis</i>	Beaverpond Clubtail
5-Gomphidae	<i>Gomphus descriptus</i>	Harpoon Clubtail
5-Gomphidae	<i>Gomphus exilis</i>	Lancet Clubtail
5-Gomphidae	<i>Gomphus spicatus</i>	Dusky Clubtail
5-Gomphidae	<i>Hagenius brevistylus</i>	Dragonhunter

5-Gomphidae	<i>Ophiogomphus carolus</i>	Rifle Snaketail
5-Gomphidae	<i>Stylogomphus albistylus</i>	Eastern Least Clubtail
6-Cordulegastridae	<i>Cordulegaster diastatops</i>	Delta-spotted Spiketail
6-Cordulegastridae	<i>Cordulegaster maculata</i>	Twin-spotted Spiketail
8-Cordulidae	<i>Cordulia shurtleffi</i>	American Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Dorocordulia lepida</i>	Petite Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Dorocordulia libera</i>	Racket-tailed Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Epitheca canis</i>	Beaverpond Baskettail
8-Cordulidae	<i>Epitheca cynosura</i>	Common Baskettail
8-Cordulidae	<i>Epitheca princeps</i>	Prince Baskettail
8-Cordulidae	<i>Epitheca spinigera</i>	Spiny Baskettail
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora elongata</i>	Ski-tipped Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora forcipata</i>	Forcipate Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora franklini</i>	Delicate Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora minor</i>	Ocellated Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora tenebrosa</i>	Clamp-tipped Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora walshii</i>	Brush-tipped Emerald
8-Cordulidae	<i>Somatochlora williamsoni</i>	Williamson's Emerald
9-Libellulidae	<i>Celithemis elisa</i>	Calico Pennant
9-Libellulidae	<i>Ladona julia</i>	Chalk-fronted Corporal
9-Libellulidae	<i>Leucorrhinia frigida</i>	Frosted Whiteface
9-Libellulidae	<i>Leucorrhinia glacialis</i>	Crimson-ringed Whiteface
9-Libellulidae	<i>Leucorrhinia hudsonica</i>	Hudsonian Whiteface
9-Libellulidae	<i>Leucorrhinia intacta</i>	Dot-tailed Whiteface
9-Libellulidae	<i>Leucorrhinia proxima</i>	Belted Whiteface
9-Libellulidae	<i>Libellula cyanea</i>	Spangled Skimmer
9-Libellulidae	<i>Libellula incesta</i>	Slaty Skimmer
9-Libellulidae	<i>Libellula luctuosa</i>	Widow Skimmer
9-Libellulidae	<i>Libellula pulchella</i>	Twelve-spotted Skimmer
9-Libellulidae	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>	Four-spotted Skimmer
9-Libellulidae	<i>Plathemis lydia</i>	Common Whitetail
9-Libellulidae	<i>Sympetrum danae</i>	Black Meadowhawk
9-Libellulidae	<i>Sympetrum internum</i>	Cherry-faced Meadowhawk
9-Libellulidae	<i>Sympetrum obtrusum</i>	White-faced Meadowhawk
9-Libellulidae	<i>Sympetrum semicinctum</i>	Band-winged Meadowhawk
9-Libellulidae	<i>Sympetrum vicinum</i>	Autumn Meadowhawk
		Total: 74 species

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