

Suspected Species in Chambers County, Texas

Damselflies

SPREADWINGS

- ☐ Southern Spreadwing*
- ☐ Elegant Spreadwing
- ☐ Swamp Spreadwing

POND DAMSELS

- ☐ Blue-ringed Dancer
- ☐ Blue-fronted Dancer*
- ☐ Powdered Dancer
- ☐ Blue-tipped Dancer*
- ☐ Seepage Dancer
- ☐ Aztec Dancer
- ☐ Variable Dancer
- ☐ Kiowa Dancer*
- ☐ Burgundy Bluet
- ☐ Orange Bluet*
- ☐ Vesper Bluet
- ☐ Double-striped Bluet
- ☐ Familiar Bluet
- ☐ Big Bluet*
- ☐ Stream Bluet
- ☐ Skimming Bluet
- ☐ Slender Bluet
- ☐ Rambur's Forktail*
- ☐ Citrine Forktail*
- ☐ Lilypad Forktail
- ☐ Fragile Forktail*

Dragonflies

PETALTAILS

- ☐ Gray Petaltail*

DARNERS

- ☐ Common Green Darner*
- ☐ Comet Darner
- ☐ Swamp Darner*
- ☐ Regal Darner
- ☐ Cyrano Darner

CLUBTAILS

- ☐ Sulphur-tipped Clubtail
- ☐ Oklahoma Clubtail
- ☐ Ashy Clubtail
- ☐ Bayou Clubtail
- ☐ Jade Clubtail
- ☐ Gulf Coast Clubtail
- ☐ Russet-tipped Clubtail
- ☐ Two-striped Forceptail
- ☐ Broad-striped Forceptail*
- ☐ Common Sanddragon
- ☐ Black-shouldered Spinyleg
- ☐ Flag-tailed Spinyleg
- ☐ Dragonhunter
- ☐ Eastern Ringtail

Dragonflies, *Continued*

CRUISERS

- ☐ Royal River Cruiser*

EMERALDS

- ☐ Smoky Shadowdragon
- ☐ Common Baskettail
- ☐ Slender Baskettail
- ☐ Prince Baskettail*

SKIMMERS

- ☐ Common Whitetail
- ☐ Blue Corporal
- ☐ Painted Skimmer
- ☐ Twelve-spotted Skimmer*
- ☐ Widow Skimmer
- ☐ Bar-winged Skimmer
- ☐ Great Blue Skimmer*
- ☐ Slaty Skimmer*
- ☐ Golden-winged Skimmer
- ☐ Needham's Skimmer*
- ☐ Roseate Skimmer*
- ☐ Eastern Amberwing*
- ☐ Four-spotted Pennant*
- ☐ Ornate Pennant
- ☐ Calico Pennant
- ☐ Banded Pennant
- ☐ Halloween Pennant*
- ☐ Red-tailed Pennant*
- ☐ Great Pondhawk*
- ☐ Eastern Pondhawk*
- ☐ Little Blue Dragonlet
- ☐ Seaside Dragonlet*
- ☐ Band-winged Dragonlet*
- ☐ Variegated Meadowhawk*
- ☐ Blue-faced Meadowhawk
- ☐ Blue Dasher*
- ☐ Thornbush Dasher
- ☐ Swift Setwing
- ☐ Hyacinth Glider*
- ☐ Red Saddlebags*
- ☐ Carolina Saddlebags
- ☐ Black Saddlebags*
- ☐ Wandering Glider
- ☐ Spot-winged Glider
- ☐ Marl Pennant*

* Documented on the refuge

Facts about Dragonflies and Damselflies

The symbol of a healthy **wetland**, dragonflies and damselflies have been on this planet for about **300 million years**. Their ancestors flew during an age where the earth was covered in giant plants and swamps - the Carboniferous Period. Back then, they were as big as today's birds and **had wingspans of almost three feet**.

Today they are much smaller but just as incredible. Both the adult and the larvae hunt and eat insects, including an **average of 100 mosquitoes per day**. They need to be fast and agile. Adult dragonflies are the fastest-flying insect in the world - recorded flying at **35 miles per hour**.

What is the difference between a dragonfly and a damselfly? One difference is that **dragonflies generally hold their wings spread open** - either flat or folded down, whereas **damselflies generally hold their wings pinched closed**.

Both are largely undocumented at Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge. Use this checklist as a start, but don't be surprised if you find something new.

If you get a good picture, try uploading it to a citizen science site. It helps us understand what species we have!

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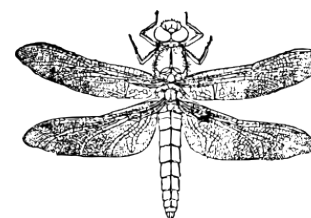
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