

Common Dragonflies and Damselflies of Rithet's Bog

DAMSELFLIES - Suborder ZYGOPTERA

Pond Damsels - Family Coenagrionidae



Pacific Forktail - *Ischnura cervula*



Western Red Damsel - *Amphiagrion abbreviatum*

Spreadwings - Family Lestidae



Spotted Spreadwing - *Lestes congener*

AQUATIC LARVAE

Dragonflies and Damselflies spend most of their life as aquatic larvae, living in a wide variety of water bodies including lakes, ponds, streams, rivers and ditches. The larval stage lasts from several months to a few years, while the adult stage lasts for a few weeks to a few months during the summer.

Both larvae and adults are carnivorous and some species are voracious predators of mosquitoes.



Larval Dragonfly



Damselfly Larva

Rithet's Bog Common Species of Dragonflies And Damselflies



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DRAGONFLIES - Suborder ANISOPTERA

Skimmers - Family Libellulidae



Four Spotted Skimmer - *Libellula quadrimaculata*



Common Whitetail - *Plathemis lydia*



Eight Spotted Skimmer - male - *Libellula forensis*



Cardinal Meadowhawk - *Sympetrum illotum*



Eight Spotted Skimmer - female - *Libellula forensis*



Striped Meadowhawk - *Sympetrum pallipes*

Darners - Family Aeshnidae



Paddle Tailed Darner - *Aeshna palmata*



Shadow Darner - *Aeshna umbrosa*



Blue Eyed Darner - *Rhionaeschna multicolor*