

# Dragonflies and Damselflies of Calvert County

## First Full Comprehensive list – November 2, 2020

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ADULT ABUNDANCE: (A) = Abundant and conspicuous in appropriate habitat  
 (C) = Common in suitable habitat  
 (U) = Uncommon but present, could easily be missed in suitable habitat  
 (R) = Rare not likely to encounter

The information contained in this list is a combination of data and reports from the following sources: Dragonflies and Damselflies of Maryland and DC – Richard Orr (Mid-Atlantic Invertebrate Studies Inc., iNaturalist.org, MarylandBiodiversity.com, Odonata Central and Dragonflies and Damselflies of the East by Dennis Paulson

| <b>Dragonflies</b> |                         | <b>Anisoptera</b>                 |           |                          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                    | Common Name             | Scientific Name                   | Abundance | Flight Period            |
|                    | <b>Petaltail Family</b> | <b>Petaluridae</b>                |           |                          |
| 1                  | Grey Petaltail          | <i>Tachopteryx Thoreyi</i>        | U         | May 24 – June 17         |
|                    | <b>Darner Family</b>    | <b>Aeshnidae</b>                  |           |                          |
| 2                  | Harlequin Darner        | <i>Gomphaeschna furcillata</i>    | R         | April 21 – May 24        |
| 3                  | Taper-tailed Darner     | <i>Gomphaeschna antilope</i>      | R         | Apr 27, 2019             |
| 4                  | Fawn Darner             | <i>Boyeria vinosa</i>             | R         | Jul 26 – Sep 3           |
| 5                  | Swamp Darner            | <i>Epiaeschna heros</i>           | U         | May 4 – Jul 17           |
| 6                  | Cyrano Darner           | <i>Nasiaeschna pentacantha</i>    | U         | May 5 – Jun 17           |
| 7                  | Springtime Darner       | <i>Basiaeschna janata</i>         | R         | Apr 21 – May 5           |
| 8                  | Shadow Darner           | <i>Aeshna umbrosa</i>             | R         | Oct 14 – Dec 2           |
| 9                  | Comet Darner            | <i>Anax longipes</i>              | R         | Jun 5 – Jul 7            |
| 10                 | Common Green Darner     | <i>Anax junius</i>                | C         | Mar 29 – Oct 14          |
|                    | <b>Clubtail Family</b>  | <b>Gomphidae</b>                  |           |                          |
| 11                 | Unicorn Clubtail        | <i>Arigomphus villosipes</i>      | U         | May - Aug                |
| 12                 | Ashy Clubtail           | <i>Phanogomphus lividu</i>        | U         | Apr 23 – May 4           |
| 13                 | Sable Clubtail          | <i>Stenogomphurus rogersi</i>     | R         | May 10 – Jun 14          |
| 14                 | Laura's Clubtail        | <i>Stylurus laurae Williamson</i> | R         | July 16, 2020 (1 record) |
| 15                 | Russet-tipped Clubtail  | <i>Stylurus plagiatus</i>         | R         | Jul - Oct                |
| 16                 | Dragonhunter            | <i>Hagenius brevistylus</i>       | R         | Jun 16 – Aug 19          |
|                    | <b>Spiketail Family</b> | <b>Cordulegastridae</b>           |           |                          |
| 17                 | Tiger Spiketail         | <i>Cordulegaster erronea</i>      | R         | Jun – Sep 11             |
| 18                 | Twin-spotted Spiketail  | <i>Cordulegaster maculata</i>     | R         | Apr 23 – May 10          |
| 19                 | Arrowhead Spiketail     | <i>Cordulegaster obliqua</i>      | R         | Jun – Jul (Aug 5, 2020)  |
| 20                 | Brown Spiketail         | <i>Cordulegaster bilineata</i>    | U         | Mar 31 – Jun 14          |
|                    | <b>Cruiser Family</b>   | <b>Macromiidae</b>                |           |                          |
| 21                 | Stream Cruiser          | <i>Didymops transversa</i>        | U         | Apr 21 – May 10          |

|    | <b>Emerald Family</b>  | <b>Corduliidae</b>              |   |                                      |
|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 22 | Mocha Emerald          | <i>Somatochlora linearis</i>    | R | Jun - Sep                            |
| 23 | Fine-lined Emerald     | <i>Somatochlora filosa</i>      | R | Aug 29 – Sep 30                      |
| 24 | Treetop Emerald        | <i>Somatochlora provocans</i>   | R | Jun - Sep                            |
| 25 | Clamp-tipped Emerald   | <i>Somatochlora tenebrosa</i>   | U | Jun 16 – Sep 11                      |
| 26 | Common Baskettail      | <i>Epitheca cynosura</i>        | C | Apr 1 to Jun 14                      |
| 27 | Prince Baskettail      | <i>Epitheca princeps</i>        | R | Jun 4                                |
|    | <b>Skimmer Family</b>  | <b>Libellulidae</b>             |   |                                      |
| 28 | Four-spotted Pennant   | <i>Brachymesia gravida</i>      | R | Jun 17 – Sep 3                       |
| 29 | Calico Pennant         | <i>Celithemis elisa</i>         | C | May 21 – Aug 22                      |
| 30 | Halloween Pennant      | <i>Celithemis eponina</i>       | C | Jun 4 – Sep 11                       |
| 31 | Banded Pennant         | <i>Celithemis fasciata</i>      | C | Jun 4 – Jul 7                        |
| 32 | Double-ringed Pennant  | <i>Celithemis verna</i>         | U | May - Jul                            |
| 33 | Eastern Pondhawk       | <i>Erythemis simplicicollis</i> | A | May 5 – Sep 30                       |
| 34 | Seaside Dragonlet      | <i>Erythrodiplax Berenice</i>   | A | May 24 – Sep 11                      |
| 35 | Little Blue Dragonlet  | <i>Erythrodiplax minuscula</i>  | R | Jun 25 – Sep 1                       |
| 36 | Blue Corporal          | <i>Ladona deplanata</i>         | A | Apr 1 – May 21                       |
| 37 | Golden-winged Skimmer  | <i>Libellula auripennis</i>     | R | May – Oct (1 historical record 1982) |
| 38 | Bar-winged Skimmer     | <i>Libellula axilena</i>        | R | Jun 14 – Jul 8                       |
| 39 | Spangled Skimmer       | <i>Libellula cyanea</i>         | C | May 19 – Jul 8                       |
| 40 | Yellow-sided Skimmer   | <i>Libellula flavida</i>        | R | May 24 – Jul 24                      |
| 41 | Slaty Skimmer          | <i>Libellula incesta</i>        | C | Jun 4 – Sep 30                       |
| 42 | Widow Skimmer          | <i>Libellula luctuosa</i>       | C | May 19 – Sep 11                      |
| 43 | Needham's Skimmer      | <i>Libellula needhami</i>       | A | May 19 – Oct 14                      |
| 44 | Twelve-spotted Skimmer | <i>Libellula pulchella</i>      | R | May 23 – Sep 20                      |
| 45 | Painted Skimmer        | <i>Libellula semifasciata</i>   | U | May 4 – Sep 11                       |
| 46 | Great Blue Skimmer     | <i>Libellula vibrans</i>        | C | May 24 – Sep 11                      |
| 47 | Blue Dasher            | <i>Pachydiplax longipennis</i>  | A | May 19 – Oct 14                      |
| 48 | Wandering Glider       | <i>Pantala flavescens</i>       | C | May 24 – Sep 11                      |
| 49 | Spot-winged Glider     | <i>Pantala hymenaea</i>         | C | May 21 – Aug 22                      |
| 50 | Eastern Amberwing      | <i>Perithemis tenera</i>        | A | May 19 – Sep 3                       |
| 51 | Common Whitetail       | <i>Plathemis lydia</i>          | A | Apr 21 – Sep 30                      |
| 52 | Blue-faced Meadowhawk  | <i>Sympetrum ambiguum</i>       | R | Aug - Oct                            |
| 53 | Variegated Meadowhawk  | <i>Sympetrum corruptum</i>      | R | Apr 11, 2020 (1 record only)         |
| 54 | Autumn Meadowhawk      | <i>Sympetrum vicinum</i>        | U | Oct 14 – Dec 2                       |
| 55 | Carolina Saddlebags    | <i>Tramea Carolina</i>          | C | May 5 – Sep 30                       |
| 56 | Black Saddlebags       | <i>Tramea lacerate</i>          | C | May 19 – Sep 11                      |
| 57 | Red Saddlebags         | <i>Tramea onusta</i>            | R | Jul 29                               |

| <b>Damselflies</b> |                             | <b>Zygoptera</b>                 |   |                                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
|                    | <b>Broad-winged Family</b>  | <b><i>Calopterygidae</i></b>     |   |                                      |
| 58                 | Ebony Jewelwing             | <i>Calopteryx maculata</i>       | A | Apr - Oct                            |
|                    | <b>Spreadwing Family</b>    | <b><i>Lestidae</i></b>           |   |                                      |
| 59                 | Great Spreadwing            | <i>Archilestes grandis</i>       | R | Sep 11 – Sep 30                      |
| 60                 | Southern Spreadwing         | <i>Lestes australis</i>          | C | Apr 22 – Sep 30                      |
| 61                 | Slender Spreadwing          | <i>Lestes rectangularis</i>      | R | May 19 – Aug 29                      |
| 62                 | Swamp Spreadwing            | <i>Lestes vigilax</i>            | C | May - Oct                            |
| 63                 | Elegant Spreadwing          | <i>Lestes inaequalis</i>         | R | Jun 16                               |
|                    | <b>Pond Damsel Family</b>   | <b><i>Coenagrionidae</i></b>     |   |                                      |
| 64                 | Familiar Bluet              | <i>Enallagma civile</i>          | A | May 4 – Dec 2                        |
| 65                 | Skimming Bluet              | <i>Enallagma geminatum</i>       | R | Jun 4 - Oct                          |
| 66                 | Azure Bluet                 | <i>Enallagma aspersum</i>        | U | May 5 – Sep 11                       |
| 67                 | Big Bluet                   | <i>Enallagma durum</i>           | U | May - Nov                            |
| 68                 | Slender Bluet               | <i>Enallagma traviatum</i>       | U | May - Sep                            |
| 69                 | Turquoise Bluet             | <i>Enallagma divagans</i>        | U | May - Aug                            |
| 70                 | Double-striped Bluet        | <i>Enallagma basidens</i>        | U | Jun 5 – Sep 11                       |
| 71                 | Orange Bluet                | <i>Enallagma signatum</i>        | C | Sep 3 – Oct 11                       |
|                    | <b>Forktail Family</b>      | <b><i>Ischnura</i></b>           |   |                                      |
| 72                 | Lilypad Forktail            | <i>Ischnura kellicotti</i>       | R | May - Sep                            |
| 73                 | Rambur's Forktail           | <i>Ischnura ramburii</i>         | A | Apr 21 – Oct 14                      |
| 74                 | Eastern Forktail            | <i>Ischnura verticalis</i>       | C | Apr 21 – Sep 30                      |
| 75                 | Citrine Forktail            | <i>Ischnura hastata</i>          | C | Apr 21 – Sep 30                      |
| 76                 | Fragile Forktail            | <i>Ischnura posita</i>           | A | Apr 1 – Nov 25                       |
|                    | <b>Red Damsel Family</b>    | <b><i>Amphiagrion</i></b>        |   |                                      |
| 77                 | Eastern Red Damsel          | <i>Amphiagrion saucium</i>       | U | May 10 – Jun 14                      |
|                    | <b>Aurora Damsel Family</b> | <b><i>Chromagrion</i></b>        |   |                                      |
| 78                 | Aurora Damsel               | <i>Chromagrion conditum</i>      | R | May – Jun (1 historical record 1940) |
|                    | <b>Sprite Family</b>        | <b><i>Nethalennia</i></b>        |   |                                      |
| 79                 | Southern Sprite             | <i>Nethalennia integricollis</i> | R | Jun - Aug                            |
|                    | <b>Dancer Family</b>        | <b><i>Argia</i></b>              |   |                                      |
| 80                 | Blue-fronted Dancer         | <i>Argia apicalis</i>            | U | Jun - Sep                            |
| 81                 | Powdered Dancer             | <i>Argia moesta</i>              | R | Jun - Sep                            |
| 82                 | Variable Dancer             | <i>Argia fumipennis</i>          | R | May 19 – Sep 11                      |
| 83                 | Blue-tipped Dancer          | <i>Argia tibialis</i>            | U | Jun - Sep                            |

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