



Damsels and Dragons Recording Form

Please complete a separate Damsels and Dragons recording form for each pond surveyed on each visit you make.

Name: _____ Pond Name or What3words: _____
 Date: _____ Parish: _____ Visit Number (What visit is this?): _____
 Temperature: _____ Wind: _____ Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Results:

Please record the dragonflies and damselflies seen on this visit, including a record if no species were seen. You can record species **present** and the **number** of individuals. You may optionally wish to make a note of the behaviour, for example copulating pairs.

If you are new to dragonfly recording you may want to record your level of certainty as well – all records are useful and this is a good way to build your confidence ***(C= certain, U = uncertain)**. If you have seen a dragonfly/damselfly and cannot identify it, please use the blank rows and if possible, add a description in the notes and try get photos to aid identification.

No dragonflies or damselflies recorded on this visit (please tick the box)

Species	Adults	Copulating pairs ¹	Ovipositing (egg laying) ¹	Exuviae (larval cases) ¹	Certainty (C/ U*)
Blue-tailed Damselfly					
Common Blue Damselfly					
Azure Damselfly					
Willow Emerald Damselfly					
Beautiful Demoiselle					
Migrant Hawker					
Emperor Dragonfly					
Black-tailed Skimmer					
Common Darter					
Red-veined Darter					
Lesser Emperor					

Notes:

Please complete a POND HABITAT SURVEY sheet (see overleaf) at each pond surveyed.

¹ <https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/news/dragons-birds-bees-abdominal-claspers/>



If you visit a pond **more than once**, you only need to complete a habitat form on the **first** visit. Please complete the survey for the whole pond not just the section you have surveyed.

This is a **really important** part of the survey. Please complete as much of the form as possible, whether dragonflies are present or absent. Knowing more information about the pond can be useful in investigating reasons for changes in dragonfly occurrence.

Pond Habitat Survey

Is the pond new? (less than 10 years old) Year of creation (date, decade)

Pond Size (visually assess):

Small (less than 2m²) Medium (between 2m² and 10m²) Large (more than 10m²)

Pond Dries?

1 – **never**, 2 - **rarely** (i.e. in drought), 3 – **sometimes** (once every few years), 4 – **dries annually**

Overhanging trees and shrubs

% of whole pond overhung by trees and shrubs (that would be shaded if sunny)

Aquatic vegetation (plants that grow in or on waterbodies)

% of whole pond occupied by vegetation i.e grasses, reeds (not floating or submerged plants)

% of whole water surface covered by all types of vegetation (normal, floating and submerged)

Pond management in the last 12 months (tick all that apply):

Fully dredged Partly dredged Small amount vegetation removed

Large amount of vegetation removed Trees planted Trees removed

Trees cut back Pond changed size/shape Plants introduced

Straw added Bank plants mown Structural work

Waterfowl impact (ducks and geese):

1 – **major**, lots of waterfowl present, few plants, water murky, signs of feeding, 2 - **minor**, waterfowl present but little impact on plants, banks still vegetated, 3 - **none**, no evidence of waterfowl impact

Fish presence:

1 – **major**, Lots of fish present, 2 – **minor**, a few fish present, 3 – **absent**, no records of fish stocking and none seen


Dog Disturbance:

1 – **major**, dogs repeatedly using pond, water murky, edges compacted, little vegetation, 2 – **minor**, dogs using pond but still plants present, and banks vegetated, 3 – **none**, no evidence of dogs using pond

Water Quality:

1 - **clear**, 2 – **moderately clear**, 3 – **moderately turbid** (murky) 4 – **turbid** (very murky)

Inflow (water in) or outflow (water out) pipes present (tick or leave blank):

 Inflow present

 Outflow present

 Pipes present
Surrounding land use (tick habitats found in the immediate area (next to the pond) and nearby (general area):

For example, if your pond is in a garden, the immediate habitat is garden, and nearby habitats could be neighbour's gardens or woodland or farmland near your property.

Habitat	Immediate	Nearby	Habitat Example
Woodland, Trees and Scrub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hedgerows, brambles, bushes, woodland and individual trees
Semi- Improved Grassland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some modification with fertilisers, mowing etc but still has elements of natural grassland
Improved grassland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fertilised grassland, normally lush and bright green, also includes parks and golf greens
Marshy grassland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grassland which is permanently or seasonally wet (i.e dries out in summer)
Arable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm crops and ploughed land
Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas associated with buildings or in domestic curtilage
Roads, tracks, paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Including car parks and footpaths
Waterbodies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ponds, streams
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saltmarsh, sand dunes, orchards, cliffs

Is the pond in a protected area? (nature reserve, SSS or ABI):

Any additional comments (new ownership, changes since previous visit, any other information)