



Odonata Recording Form

Weather	
Cloud cover 1=0-25% 2=25-50% 3=50-75% 4=75-100%	
Wind speed Beaufort scale	
Temperature °C	

Recorder		Site name	
Email		Grid reference	
Date		County	

Start	
Finish	

Zygoptera (Damselflies)		Life stage/behaviour					
Scientific name	Common name	Adults (total)	Copulating pairs*	Ovipositing females	Larvae	Exuviae	Emerging adults
<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	Azure Damselfly						
<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	Banded Demoiselle						
<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>	Beautiful Demoiselle						
<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Blue-tailed Damselfly						
<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>	Common Blue Damselfly						
<i>Lestes sponsa</i>	Emerald Damselfly						
<i>Pyrrosoma nymphula</i>	Large Red Damselfly						
<i>Coenagrion hastulatum</i>	Northern Damselfly						
<i>Erythromma najas</i>	Red-eyed Damselfly						
<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>	Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly						
<i>Lestes dryas</i>	Scarce Emerald Damselfly						
<i>Ceriagrion tenellum</i>	Small Red Damselfly						
<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>	Small Red-eyed Damselfly						
<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>	Southern Damselfly						
<i>Lestes barbarus</i>	Southern Emerald Damselfly						
<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>	Variable Damselfly						
<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	White-legged Damselfly						
<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>	Willow Emerald Damselfly						

*Copulating pairs. 1 pair= count of 1

Recording Time and Weather

Time of day and weather conditions both impact the behaviour of dragonflies and the likelihood of encountering them. Therefore if you are planning on carrying out comparisons in Dragonfly records from year to year it is recommended that you record these factors and take them into consideration. Do not perform Dragonfly surveys in rain or the wind strength is stronger than 4 on the Beaufort scale.

Beaufort Scale guide

Beaufort number	Description	Wind speed	Land conditions
0	Calm	< 1 knot	Smoke rises straight up.
		< 1 mph	
		< 2 km/h	
		< 0.5 m/s	
1	Light air	1–3 knots	Smoke drift slightly.
		1–3 mph	
		2–5 km/h	
		0.5–1.5 m/s	
2	Light breeze	4–6 knots	Wind can be felt. Leaves rustle.
		4–7 mph	
		6–11 km/h	
		1.6–3.3 m/s	
3	Gentle breeze	7–10 knots	Leaves and small twigs constantly moving.
		8–12 mph	
		12–19 km/h	
		3.4–5.5 m/s	
4	Moderate breeze	11–16 knots	Small branches move.
		13–18 mph	
		20–28 km/h	
		5.5–7.9 m/s	