



## **Key Selling Points**

- A new nature guide about Odonata that focusses specifically on the identification of this difficult group of insects.
- The author, Adrian Riley, a professional entomologist with over 40 years of experience and many entomological publications to his name
- Over 300 colour photographs, mostly taken by the author, of species and habitats, and with up-close images needed for accurate identification of species, sexes and forms
- Foreword by Dr Pam Taylor, Trustee of the British Dragonfly Society

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This is a comprehensive and user-friendly photographic identification guide to all species, sexes and forms of British and Irish dragon- and damselflies with essential field notes and habitat photographs to aid finding each species. All species, sexes and colour forms have been split into groups of superficially similar taxa with clear descriptions and comparative close-up photographs of the characteristic morphological features, an approach that has proven to work very well. The correct identification of these insects is a most crucial aspect in establishing insect diversity used as an indicator of a healthy aquatic environment and to better understand the national distribution and abundance of these insects. Apart from established dragonfly and butterfly enthusiasts, this book will appeal to beginners in the field as the unique format will greatly simplify the identification process. During summer, many birdwatchers take an interest in dragonflies but find it difficult to identify them using the presently available literature. Hopefully, this book will enable them to do so.

Subject	Publ. date	Format	Pages	Illustrations	Binding
Entomology	28 March 2020	23.5x16.5cm	250	Colour photos	Paperback

## Information about the Author:

Adrian Riley is the author of numerous books about wildlife, including field guides such as his best-selling British and Irish Butterflies and Norfolk Wildlife, and his autobiographical account Arrivals and Rivals: a duel for the winning bird (all three published by Brambleby Books). Adrian grew up in Shropshire where his deep interest and knowledge about wildlife, especially butterflies, moths and birds, first took root. For 40 years he has worked as a professional entomologist and moth recorder for the world famous Rothamsted Research in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. For the past 15 years or so, he has lived in Norfolk from where he has led wildlife tours, both within the county, the UK as a whole and mainland Europe.

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