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## Finding and Identifying White-legged Damselflies

### White-legged Damselfly Investigation Project

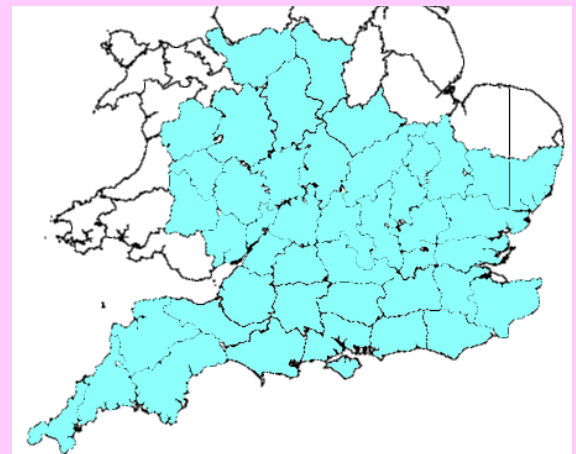
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### White-legged Damselfly Counties

White-legged Damselflies are found as far north as Staffordshire and as far west Powys.

While widespread they are not a common species.



## Habitat



White-legged Damselflies prefer slow flowing streams and rivers, but will also use lakes and pools.

Adult White-legged Damselflies can usually be seen between late May and mid August.

## Identification



**Full length:** 35-37mm. **Male:** Pale blue body and blue eyes.

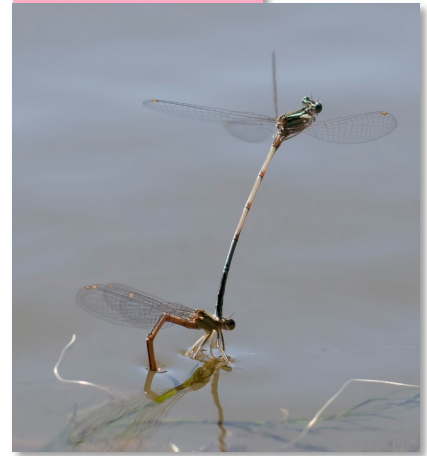
**Females and immatures:** Creamy body with pale eyes.

## Mating Behaviour



Mating is initiated when males grasp the females around the back of the head using their abdominal claspers (this position is referred to as being 'in tandem'). The female then brings her abdomen up to meet the male's, forming the wheel

## Egg laying



Males remain in tandem with females during egg laying (oviposition). Eggs are laid on the underside of floating and emergent vegetation, and floating debris.

## Similar Species



Common Blue Damselfly on left, Azure Damselfly on right (males top, females bottom). Other species of blue/black damselfly have much brighter coloration, and thicker black markings.