

# The British Dragonfly Society's Revised List of Odonata recorded in the United Kingdom

The Odonata lists presented below follow the taxonomic sequence of Schorr and Paulson (2013).

**Table 1. Category A: resident and/or regular migrant species recorded since 2000**

This category comprises species with well-established breeding populations and migrant species that have been recorded regularly since 2000, the latter often attempting to establish temporary breeding populations. (nc = no change in name)

Scientific name	British and Irish name	European common name
<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>	Willow Emerald Damselfly	Western Willow Spreadwing
<i>Lestes barbarus</i>	Southern Emerald Damselfly	Migrant Spreadwing
<i>Lestes dryas</i>	Scarce Emerald Damselfly	Robust Spreadwing
<i>Lestes sponsa</i>	Emerald Damselfly	Common Spreadwing
<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	Banded Demoiselle	nc
<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>	Beautiful Demoiselle	nc
<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	White-legged Damselfly	Blue Featherleg
<i>Ceriagrion tenellum</i>	Small Red Damselfly	Small Red Damsel
<i>Coenagrion hastulatum</i>	Northern Damselfly	Spearhead Bluet
<i>Coenagrion lunulatum</i>	Irish Damselfly	Crescent Bluet
<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>	Southern Damselfly	Mercury Bluet
<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	Azure Damselfly	Azure Bluet
<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>	Variable Damselfly	Variable Bluet
<i>Coenagrion scitulum</i>	Dainty Damselfly	Dainty Bluet
<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>	Common Blue Damselfly	Common Bluet
<i>Erythromma najas</i>	Red-eyed Damselfly	Large Redeye
<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>	Small Red-eyed Damselfly	Small Redeye
<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Blue-tailed Damselfly	Common Bluetail
<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>	Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly	Small Bluetail
<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>	Large Red Damselfly	Large Red Damsel
<i>Aeshna affinis</i>	Southern Migrant Hawker	Blue-eyed Hawker
<i>Aeshna caerulea</i>	Azure Hawker	nc
<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>	Southern Hawker	Blue Hawker
<i>Aeshna grandis</i>	Brown Hawker	nc
<i>Aeshna isoceles</i>	Norfolk Hawker	Green-eyed Hawker
<i>Aeshna juncea</i>	Common Hawker	Moorland Hawker
<i>Aeshna mixta</i>	Migrant Hawker	nc
<i>Anax ephippiger</i>	Vagrant Emperor	nc
<i>Anax imperator</i>	Emperor Dragonfly	Blue Emperor
<i>Anax parthenope</i>	Lesser Emperor	nc
<i>Brachytron pratense</i>	Hairy Dragonfly	Hairy Hawker
<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>	Common Clubtail	nc
<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>	Golden-ringed Dragonfly	Common Goldenring
<i>Cordulia aenea</i>	Downy Emerald	nc
<i>Somatochlora arctica</i>	Northern Emerald	nc
<i>Somatochlora metallica</i>	Brilliant Emerald	nc
<i>Leucorrhinia dubia</i>	White-faced Darter	Small Whiteface
<i>Libellula depressa</i>	Broad-bodied Chaser	nc
<i>Libellula fulva</i>	Scarce Chaser	Blue Chaser
<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>	Four-spotted Chaser	nc
<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	Black-tailed Skimmer	nc

<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>	Keeled Skimmer	nc
<i>Sympetrum danae</i>	Black Darter	nc
<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	Red-veined Darter	nc
<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>	Ruddy Darter	nc
<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i> *	Common Darter*	nc

\* - includes dark specimens in the north-west formerly treated as a separate species, Highland Darter *Sympetrum nigrescens*. **46 species now in Category A + 10 in Category B**

### Table 2. Category B: vagrant species

Since 1998 records of these species have been assessed by the Odonata Records Committee.

Scientific name	British and Irish name	European common name
<i>Sympecma fusca</i>	Winter Damselfly	Common Winter Damsel
<i>Anax junius</i>	Green Darner	Common Green Darner
<i>Gomphus flavipes</i>	Yellow-legged Clubtail	River Clubtail
<i>Somatochlora flavomaculata</i>	Yellow-spotted Emerald	nc
<i>Leucorrhinia pectoralis</i>	Large White-faced Darter	Yellow-spotted Whiteface
<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i> **	Scarlet Darter**	Broad Scarlet
<i>Pantala flavescens</i>	Wandering Glider	nc
<i>Sympetrum flaveolum</i>	Yellow-winged Darter	nc
<i>Sympetrum pedemontanum</i>	Banded Darter	nc
<i>Sympetrum vulgatum</i>	Vagrant Darter	Moustached Darter

\*\* has bred in the Channel Islands.

### Table 3. Category C: former breeding species now locally extinct in the UK

Any further records of these species will be assessed by the Odonata Records Committee.

Scientific name	British and Irish name	European common name
<i>Coenagrion armatum</i>	Norfolk Damselfly	Dark Bluet
<i>Oxygastra curtisii</i>	Orange-spotted Emerald	nc

### Table 4. Category D: species recorded only in the Channel Islands

Scientific name	British and Irish name	European common name
<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>	Southern Skimmer	nc
<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>	Southern Darter	nc

### Table 5. Category E: exotic species introduced accidentally

These records have come principally from aquatic nurseries (Parr, 2000).

<i>Argia fumipennis</i>	Variable Dancer
<i>Ceriagrion cerinorubellum</i>	Painted Waxtail
<i>Enallagma signatum</i>	Orange Bluet
<i>Ischnura posita</i>	Fragile Forktail

<i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>	Marsh Bluetail
<i>Anax gibbosulus</i>	Green Emperor
<i>Anax guttatus</i>	Lesser Green Emperor
<i>Crocothemis servilia</i>	Oriental Scarlet
<i>Erythemis simplicicollis</i>	Eastern Pondhawk
<i>Rhodothemis rufa</i>	Spine-legged Redbolt
<i>Tramea transmarina euryale</i>	Ocean Glider
<i>Urothemis bisignata</i>	