



# DRAGONFLY

## HIDE AND SEEK!

A fun garden game that teaches you about Dragonfly larvae and where they live.



You can find more games and activities in the 'resources' section of the BDS website:

**[WWW.BRITISH-DRAGONFLIES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BRITISH-DRAGONFLIES.ORG.UK)**

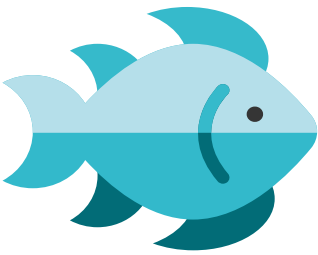
# DRAGONFLY LARVAE

Baby Dragonflies are called **larvae** and they live underwater.



Dragonfly larvae are **predators** which means they eat other small animals, such as water fleas and tadpoles.

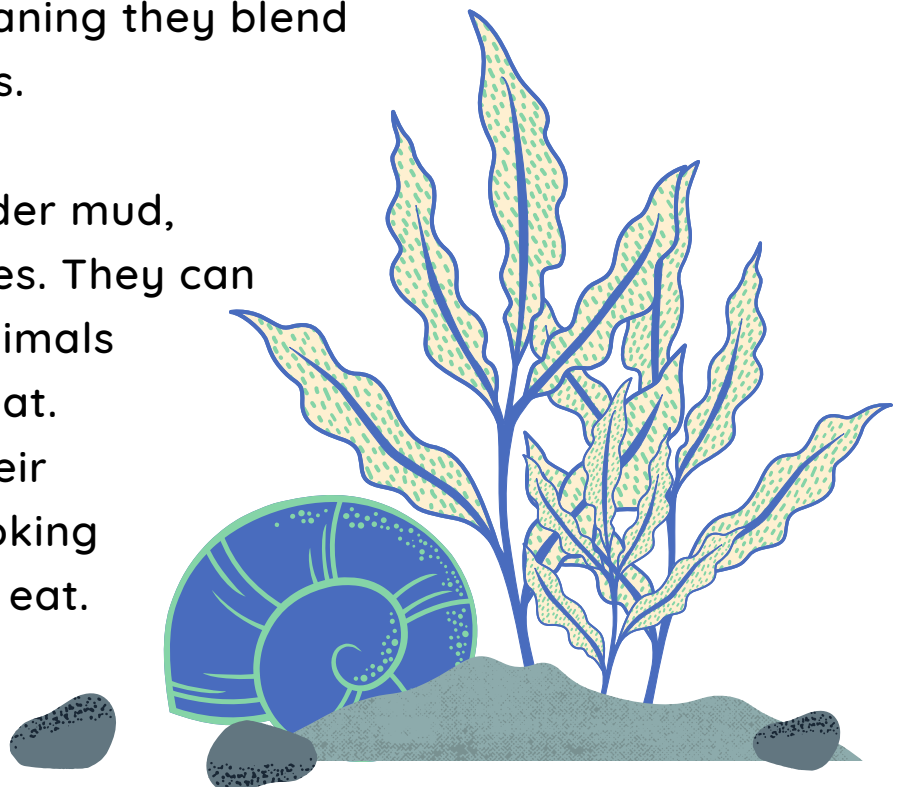
However, they are also **prey** which means they are eaten by larger animals, such as fish and frogs.



There are lots of different types Dragonflies, which are called **species**.

Dragonfly larvae are usually green or brown. This helps **camouflage** them meaning they blend into their surroundings.

Some species hide under mud, pebbles, or dead leaves. They can then **ambush** other animals nearby they want to eat. Other species stalk their underwater homes looking for other creatures to eat.



# HOW TO PLAY

- Read your species page. Then tell the group the name of your dragonfly, what it looks like.

- Cut out your dragonfly larvae.



- Collect leaves, sticks and other materials to use to camouflage your larvae.

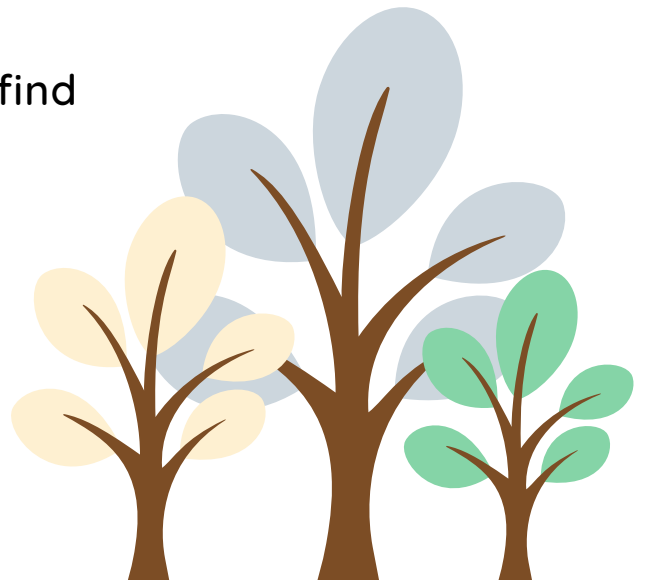


- Stick your materials to your larva.

- Hide your larva outside.

- Now the group has to try and find all the larvae together.

- At the end they vote for the one they think was the best.



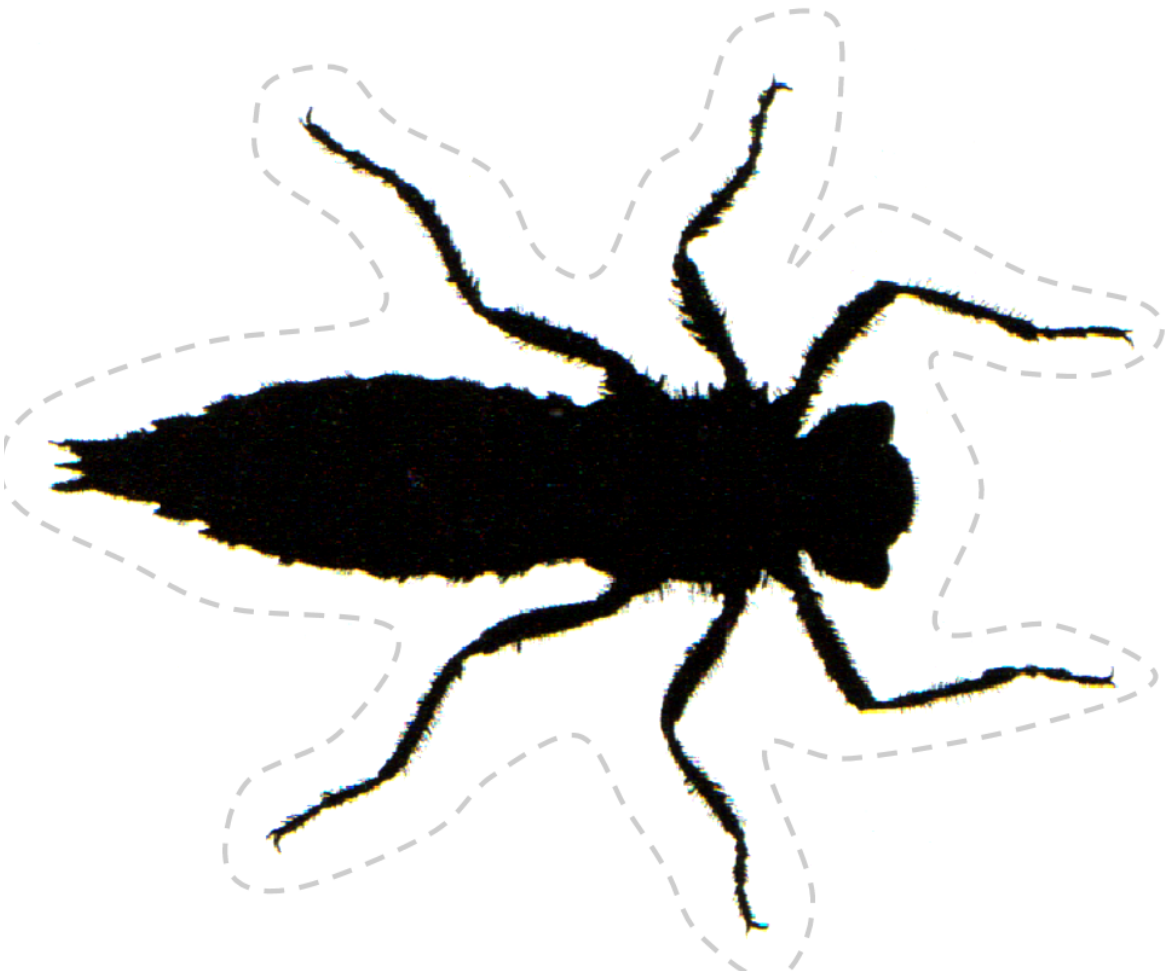
# GOLDEN-RINGED DRAGONFLY

Adult Golden-ringed Dragonflies are large with black and yellow stripes. The larvae live at the bottom of upland streams and hide under sand. Golden-ringed Dragonfly larvae are hairy and have jagged jaws.

ADULT



LARVA





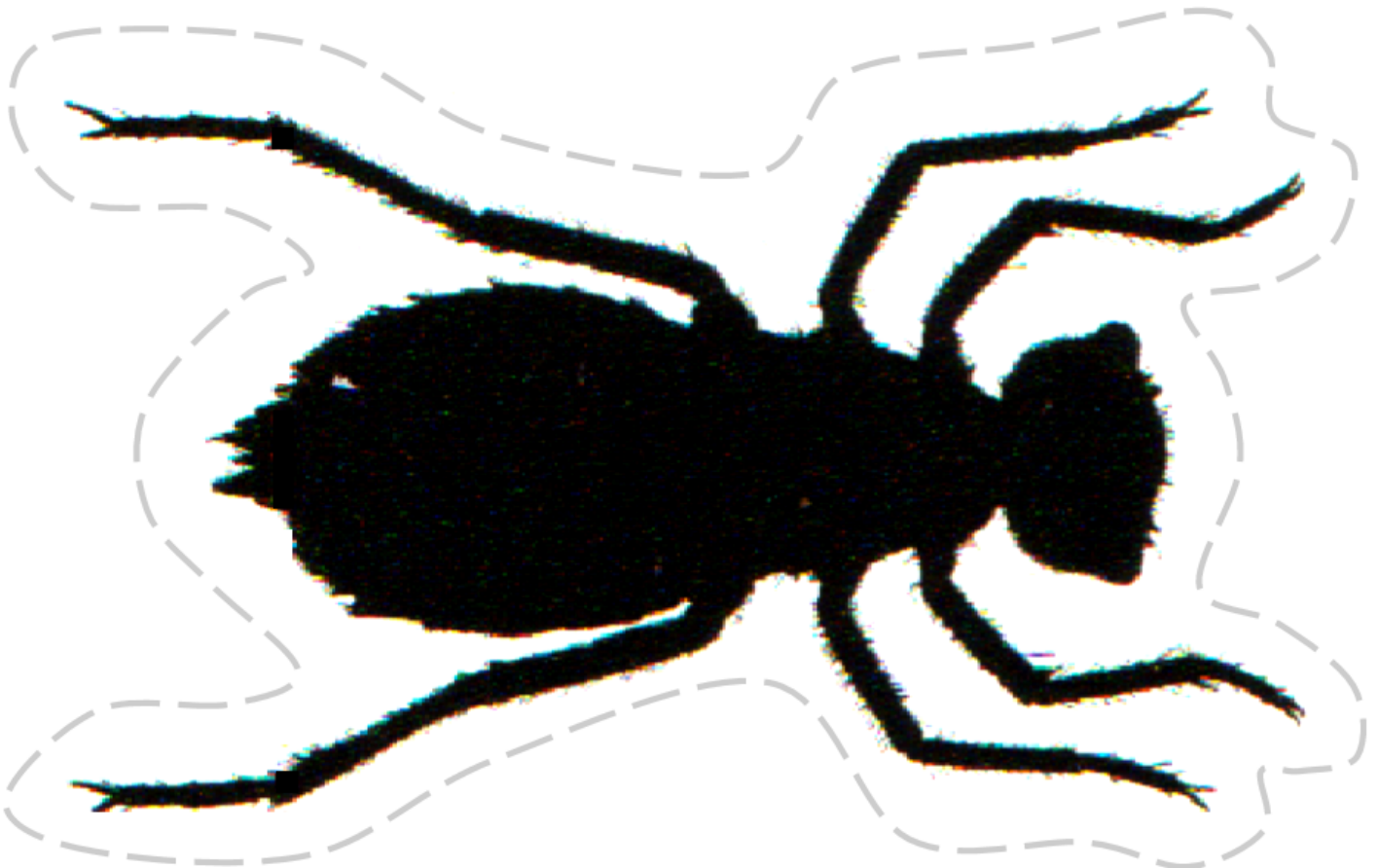
# BROAD-BODIED CHASER

Adult Broad-bodied Chasers have very wide bodies. The males are blue and the females are yellow. The larvae live in weeds that grow underwater in ponds and lakes. Broad-bodied Chaser larvae have small beady eyes and short bodies.

ADULT



LARVA



# LARGE RED DAMSELFLY

Adult Large Red Damselflies are small and red with black markings.

The larvae can be found in lots of different types of wetlands and hide under dead plant material. Large Red Damselfly larvae are small and have three fins that have dark markings.

ADULT



LARVA





# BANDED DEMOISELLE

Adult Banded Demoiselle are very shiny with large wings. The males are blue and have black patches on their wings. The females are green and their wings have a green tinge.

The larvae can be found in slow flowing rivers and streams live among underwater plants and roots. Banded Demoiselle larvae are long and have three thin, pointy fins.

**ADULT**



**LARVA**

