

Monmouthshire dragonfly list (version 3.0, 30th May 2022, covering all species recorded to the end of 2021)

English name	Scientific name	Status summary	Supporting evidence requested for
Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	Widespread, with concentrations on the Usk and the Wye	
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>	Widespread, though rare on the Levels	
Emerald Damselfly	<i>Lestes sponsa</i>	Widespread in the centre, south and west and on the Wye; rare to absent elsewhere	
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>	Frequent in the north-west of the county; rare to absent elsewhere	records away from the northwest of the county
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Variable Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>	Localised on the Gwent Levels, though with few recent records; absent elsewhere	records away from the Levels
Red-eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma najas</i>	Localised in the south and west	new sites
Small Red-eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>	Recent colonist in the south of the county, first recorded in 2017	new sites
Large Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
White-legged Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	Widespread on the Wye, localised on the Usk, rare elsewhere	new sites
Small Red Damselfly	<i>Ceriatrigona tenellum</i>	Localised in the north-west of the county, very rarely recorded elsewhere	records away from the northwest of the county
Southern Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Brown Hawker	<i>Aeshna grandis</i>	Rare, recorded at only a small number of sites	new sites
Common Hawker	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>	Frequent in the north-west of the county; rare to absent elsewhere	records away from the northwest of the county
Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>	Common and widespread on the Levels; scarcer elsewhere	
Southern Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>	Rare vagrant: two records, Llandegfedd reservoir and Goldcliff Pools, both in 2019	all records
Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Vagrant Emperor	<i>Anax ephippiger</i>	Rare vagrant: three records, Newport in 2013, Nash in 2019 and Aberbeeg in 2020	all records
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>	Rare vagrant: two records, Lamby Lake in 2006 and Ynys-y-fro reservoirs in 2018	all records
Hairy Dragonfly	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>	Common on the Levels, rare to absent elsewhere	records away from the Levels
Club-tailed Dragonfly	<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>	Frequent on the Wye; very rarely recorded elsewhere	records away from the River Wye
Golden-ringed Dragonfly	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>	Widespread in the north and west; scarce in the south and east	records away from the west and the Wye Valley
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>	Frequent in the south and west of the county; rare to absent elsewhere	
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	Widespread in the south and west; scarce elsewhere	
Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>	Frequent in the north-west of the county; rare to absent elsewhere	records away from the northwest of the county
Black Darter	<i>Sympetrum danae</i>	Frequent in the north-west of the county; rare to absent elsewhere	records away from the northwest of the county
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	Three records: from Goldcliff Pools in 2000 and 2002 and one from near Monmouth in 2006	all records
Yellow-winged Darter	<i>Sympetrum flaveolum</i>	Two records from the Levels, one in 1965 and one in 1995	all records
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>	Common and widespread on the Levels; scarcer elsewhere	
Previously listed incorrectly for Monmouthshire			
Banded Darter	<i>Sympetrum pedemontanum</i>	A single record from near Tredegar in 1995 (as of 2022, the only British record) has been listed in several publications as occurring in Monmouthshire, but in fact was seen solely within Breconshire.	all records
Previously recorded in error			
Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>		all records
Scarce Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>		all records