

# Life Cycle

## Larva

Most dragonflies live underwater as larvae for 1-2 years



## Egg laying

Some species lay eggs directly into water and other into plants, wood or mud



## Emergence

The final moult takes place above water and the adult emerges from its larval skin (exuvia)



## Mating

Mature adults will return to water to mate



## Adults

Newly emerged adults gradually acquire their colouration and move away from water to feed

