

Monmouthshire dragonfly list (version 6.0, 19th October 2025, covering all species recorded to the end of September 2025)			
English name	Scientific name	Status summary	Supporting evidence requested for
Emerald Damselfly	<i>Lestes sponsa</i>	Localised, mainly in the northwest uplands; also around Newport and on the Gwent Levels	
Willow Emerald	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>	First recorded in 2025 and now widespread on the eastern Gwent Levels, and a single 2025 record from Govilon	new sites
Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	Widespread on slow-flowing rivers in lowland areas	
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>	Widespread, on faster-flowing rivers and streams	
White-legged Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	Fairly widespread on the Wye, patchily distributed on the Usk; localised on the Monnow	records away from the Usk, Wye and Monnow
Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Variable Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>	Very localised on the Gwent Levels; absent elsewhere	all records
Common Blue Damselfly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Red-eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma najas</i>	Scarce and localised, mainly in the south of the county	new sites
Small Red-eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>	Recent colonist, first recorded in 2017, now at many sites in the south and east of the county and some elsewhere	
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>	Frequent in the western uplands; very rare elsewhere	records away from western upland areas
Large Red Damselfly	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>	Widespread and common, though with fewer recent records from the Gwent Levels than in the past	
Southern Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>	Rare vagrant: five records (six individuals)	all records
Southern Hawker	<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Brown Hawker	<i>Aeshna grandis</i>	Rare, present at only a small number of sites in the northwest uplands	records away from the northwest of the county
Common Hawker	<i>Aeshna juncea</i>	Frequent in the north-west of the county; very rare elsewhere	records away from western upland areas
Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>	Common and widespread, particularly on the Gwent Levels	
Vagrant Emperor	<i>Anax ephippiger</i>	Rare vagrant: three individuals, Newport in 2013, Nash in 2019 and Aberbeeg in 2020	all records
Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>	Rare vagrant: fewer than ten records. One of these, at Wentwood reservoir in 2023, involved breeding behaviour	all records
Hairy Dragonfly	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>	Common on the Levels, very rarely recorded elsewhere	records away from the Gwent Levels
Common Clubtail	<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>	Frequent on the Wye; also present on the Monnow. One record in the Usk Valley, at Govilon in 2023	records away from the Wye and Monnow
Golden-ringed Dragonfly	<i>Cordulegaster boltonii</i>	Common and widespread in the west; scattered records elsewhere	records in unusual locations (e.g. the Gwent Levels)
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Scarce Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>	One individual at Magor Marsh in 2025	all records
Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>	Localised, mainly on the Gwent Levels and in the northwest uplands; less common elsewhere	
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	Fairly widespread in the south and the northwest uplands; scarce elsewhere	
Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>	Frequent in the western uplands; unrecorded elsewhere	records away from western upland areas
Black Darter	<i>Sympetrum danae</i>	Frequent in the western uplands; very rarely recorded elsewhere	records away from western upland areas
Yellow-winged Darter	<i>Sympetrum flaveolum</i>	One individual at Magor Marsh in 1995	all records
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	Recorded from Goldcliff lagoons in 2000 and 2002 (two individuals seen in each year), and at Wentwood reservoir in 2025 (six individuals)	all records
Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>	A strong population on the central Gwent Levels; scarce elsewhere	new sites away from the Gwent Levels
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	Widespread and common throughout	
Previously listed incorrectly for Monmouthshire			
Banded Darter	<i>Sympetrum pedemontanum</i>	A single record from near Tredegar in 1995 (as of 2024, 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			
Small Red Damselfly	<i>Ceragrion tenellum</i>	Reported in the past from the western uplands, but no reliable evidence exists that these records were correct	all records
Downy Emerald	<i>Downy Emerald</i>	A single claim, for which no further details have been traced	all records