

# Dragonflies & Damselflies of the Garden



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### Brown Hawker (male)



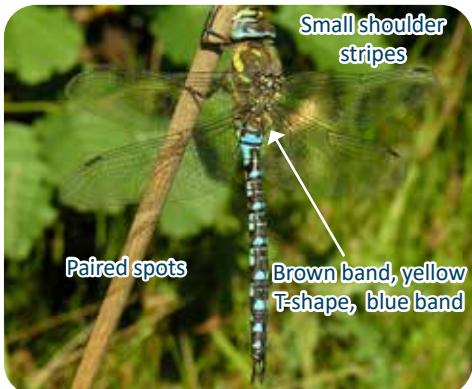
### Emperor (male)



**Females:** same. **Similar species:** Norfolk Hawker (bright apple-green eyes and clear wings).

**Females:** green with brown stripe. **Similar species:** Lesser Emperor (migrant species now becoming established).

### Migrant Hawker (male)



**Females:** similar with yellow spots and green band. **Similar species:** Hairy Dragonfly, Common and Southern Hawkers.

### Southern Hawker (male)



**Females:** similar with green markings on a brown body. **Similar species:** Hairy Dragonfly, Common and Migrant Hawkers.

### Four-spotted Chaser (male)



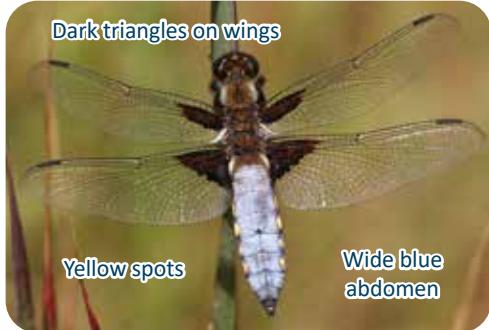
**Females:** same. **Similar species:** none.

### Common Darter (male)



**Females:** yellow body, orange-grey with age. **Similar species:** Ruddy Darter.

### Broad-bodied Chaser (male)



### Black-tailed Skimmer (male)



**Females:** yellow-brown body. **Similar species:** Scarce Chaser.

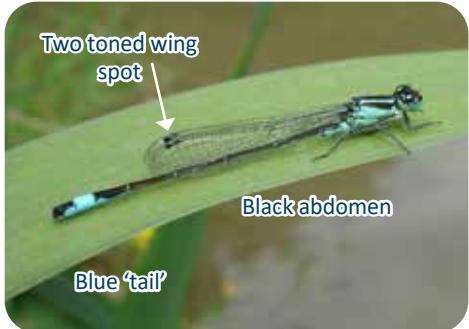
**Females:** yellow with 2 broad black lines. **Similar species:** Keeled Skimmer.

### Large Red Damselfly (male)



**Females:** similar, some gold markings. **Similar species:** Small Red Damselfly (rare heathland species, with bright red legs).

### Blue-tailed Damselfly (male)



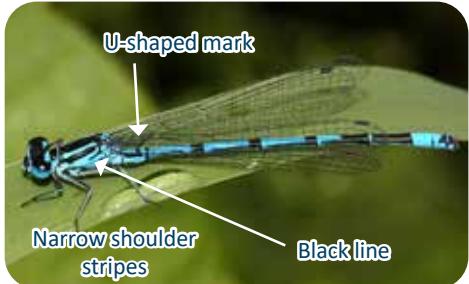
**Females:** similar with various thorax and 'tail' colours. **Similar species:** Red-eyed Damselfly, Scarce Blue-tail Damselfly (rare).

### Common Blue Damselfly (male)



**Female:** similar, can be green and black. **Similar species:** Variable Damselfly and several others.

### Azure Damselfly (male)



**Female:** similar, can be green and black. **Similar species:** Variable Damselfly and several others.

## Emerald Damselfly (male)



**Females:** similar with brown rather than blue markings. **Similar species:** Scarce, Southern and Willow Emerald Damselflies.

## Willow Emerald Damselfly (male)



**Females:** same. **Similar species:** Scarce, Southern and Emerald Damselflies (possible confusion with immatures and between females).

## Get Involved!

**Encourage dragonflies in your garden** by creating a pond! Large or small, your pond could provide vital habitat for dragonflies. 17 dragonfly species are known to breed in garden ponds. By digging a pond, using native plants and ditching pesticides you could create a haven for dragonflies.

**Send us your records** and become a citizen scientist. By submitting dragonfly sightings via iRecord ([irecord.org.uk](http://irecord.org.uk)) you can contribute to datasets that help inform our conservation work.

**The British Dragonfly Society** is the voice for dragonflies in the UK. We work to conserve them and their wetland habitats. You can help too, visit our website to find out how you could support our work through volunteering or becoming a member.

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