

Damselfly and Dragonfly (*Odonata*) Checklist for Halton Region

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Format: Latin Name - Common Name - Status in Halton

CALOPTERYGIDAE - Broad Winged Damselflies

- Calopteryx aquabilis* - River Jewelwing Uncommon
- Calopteryx maculata* - Ebony Jewelwing Common
- Hetaerina americana* - American Rubyspot Rare

LESTIDAE - Spreadwing Damselflies

- Lestes congener* - Spotted Spreadwing Uncommon
- Lestes disjunctus* - Northern Spreadwing Rare
- Lestes dryas* - Emerald Spreadwing Common
- Lestes eurinus* - Amber-winged Spreadwing Rare
- Lestes forcipatus* - Sweetflag Spreadwing Rare
- Lestes inaequalis* - Elegant Spreadwing Rare
- Lestes regularis* - Slender Spreadwing Common
- L. unguiculatus* - Lyre-tipped Spreadwing Uncommon
- Lestes vigilax* - Swamp Spreadwing Rare

COENAGIONIDAE - Pond Damselflies

- Amphagrion saucium* - Eastern Red Damselfly Rare
- Argia apicalis* - Blue-fronted Dancer Rare
- A. fumipennis violacea* - Violet Dancer Uncommon
- Argia moests* - Powdered Dancer Rare
- Chromagrion conditum* - Aurora Damselfly Rare
- Coenagrion resolutum* - Taiga Bluet Rare
- Enallagma antennatum* - Rainbow Bluet Rare
- Enallagma aspersum* - Azure Bluet Rare
- Enallagma boreale* - Boreal Bluet Rare
- Enallagma carunculatum* - Tule Bluet Rare
- Enallagma civile* - Familiar Bluet Common
- Enallagma cyathigerum* - Northern Bluet Rare
- Enallagma ebrium* - Marsh Bluet Common
- Enallagma exsulans* - Stream Bluet Rare
- Enallagma geminatum* - Skimming Bluet Rare
- Enallagma hageni* - Hagen's Bluet Rare
- Enallagma signatum* - Orange Bluet Rare
- Enallagma traviatum* - Slender Bluet Rare
- Enallagma vernale* - Vernal Bluet Rare
- Enallagma vesperum* - Vesper Bluet Rare
- Ischnura posita* - Fragile Forktail Rare
- Ischnura verticalis* - Eastern Forktail Common
- Nehalennia irene* - Sedge Sprite Uncommon

AESHNIDAE - Darners

- Aeshna canadensis* - Canada Darner Uncommon
- Aeshna constricta* - Lance-tipped Darner Common
- A. interrupta interrupta* - Variable Darner Rare
- Aeshna tuberculifera* - Black-tipped Darner Rare
- Aeshna umbrosa* - Shadow Darner Uncommon
- Aeshna verticalis* - Green-striped Darner Rare
- Anax junius* - Common Green Darner Common
- Basiaeschna janata* - Springtime Darner Rare
- Boyeria vinosa* - Fawn Darner Rare
- Epiaeschna heros* - Swamp Darner Rare

GOMPHIDAE - Clubtails

- Arigomphus furcifer* - Lilypad Clubtail Rare
- Arigomphus villosipes* - Unicorn Clubtail Uncommon
- Gomphus exilis* - Lancet Clubtail Uncommon
- Gomphus fraternus* - Midland Clubtail Rare
- Gomphus graslinellus* - Pronghorn Clubtail Rare

- Gomphus lividus* - Ashy Clubtail Rare
- Gomphus spicatus* - Dusky Clubtail Uncommon
- Ophiogomphus rupinsulensis* - Rusty Snaketail Rare

CORDULEGASTRIDAE - Spiketails

- Cordulegaster diastatops* - Delta-spotted Spiketail Rare
- Cordulegaster maculata* - Twin-spotted Spiketail Rare
- Cordulegaster obliqua* - Arrowhead Spiketail Uncommon

CORDULIIDAE - Emeralds

- Epitheca canis* - Beaverpond Baskettail Uncommon
- Epitheca cynosura* - Common Baskettail Uncommon
- Epitheca princeps* - Prince Baskettail Rare
- Epitheca spinigera* - Spiny Baskettail Rare
- Somatochlora tenebrosa* - Clamp-tipped Emerald Rare
- Somatochlora walshii* - Brush-tipped Emerald Uncommon
- S. williamsoni* - Williamson's Emerald Rare

LIBELLULIDAE - Skimmers

- Celithemis elisa* - Calico Pennant Common
- Celithemis eponina* - Halloween Pennant Rare
- Erythemis simplicicollis* - Eastern Pondhawk Common
- Ladona julia* - Chalk-fronted Corporal Common
- Leucorrhinia intacta* - Dot-tailed Whiteface Common
- Leucorrhinia proxima* - Belted Whiteface Rare
- Libellula incesta* - Slaty Skimmer Rare
- Libellula luctuosa* - Widow Skimmer Common
- L. pulchella* - Twelve-spotted Skimmer Common
- L. quadrimaculata* - Four-spotted Skimmer Common
- Libellula semifasciata* - Painted Skimmer Rare
- Pachydiplax longipennis* - Blue Dasher Common
- Pantala flavescens* - Wandering Glider Rare
- Pantala hymenaea* - Spot-winged Glider Rare
- Perithemis tenera* - Eastern Amberwing Uncommon
- Plathemis lydia* - Common Whitetail Common
- Sympetrum costiferum* - Saffron-winged Meadowhawk-Rare
- S. internum* - Cherry-faced Meadowhawk Common
- S. obtrusum* - White-faced Meadowhawk Common
- S. rubicundulum* - Ruby Meadowhawk Common
- S. semicinctum* - Band-winged Meadowhawk Uncommon
- S. vicinum* - Autumn Meadowhawk Uncommon
- Tramea lacerata* - Black Saddlebags Common

This checklist is based off of the annotated list done by Carl Rothfels for the Halton Natural Areas Inventory plus seven new species found in the 2005 season, bringing the total species to 86.

As interest in Odonata grows we have a chance to learn more about these beautiful and often under-recorded species. You can contribute to our knowledge of Odonata in our region by submitting any of your sightings to us at Conservation Halton and to the Ontario Odonata Atlas:

nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/odonates/atlas.html

When recording your sightings it is vital to note the location as specifically as possible. Contacts on the Ontario Odonata Atlas page can supply ready-made templates for Ode records.

This is an exciting field to explore as there are new discoveries to be made. For example in 2005 there were seven new species added to the Halton list! Due to the increased interest in Odes there are now a number of good field guides readily available to anyone who wishes to learn about Odonata and there is an annual count in the Hamilton area (covering a good portion of southern Halton Region) every summer. Visit the Hamilton Naturalists' Club for details:

www.hamiltonnature.org