

Systematic list of Odonata (Dragonflies and
Damselflies. To 2011
Haddenham (Cambridgeshire) parish including
Aldreth.
Nomenclature as per Field Guide to Dragonflies of
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DAMSELFLIES *Zygoptera*

Demoiselles *Calopterygidae*

Banded Demoiselle *Calopteryx splendens*.

In small numbers regularly along Old West river. Sometimes
noted away from there i.e. Guppy's Pond.

May-June-July.

Spreadwings *Lestes*

Common Emerald Damselfly. *Lestes sponsa*

Not particularly common and found mostly in grassy areas

June-July

Bluetails *Coenagrionidae*.

Common Bluetailed Damselfly *Ishnura elegans*.

Very common. Can be found nearly everywhere in long grassy
areas

Late April to August.

Eurasian Bluets. *Coenagrion*.

Variable Damselfly. *Coenagrion putchellum*.

The true commonality of this species can only be determined by

netting and examination. Probably reasonably common.

May to July.

Azure Damselfly. *Coenagrion puella.*

Very common in all grassy places mostly near water.

May to July.

Brighteyes *Erythromma*

Red-eyed Damselfly. *Erythromma major.*

Common on larger water bodies. Old West River, Guppy's Pond and other old brick-clay pits. Always on large leaves of waterlilies and larger leafed pondweeds.

Late May to July.

Small Red-eyed Damselfly. *Erythromma viridulum.*

First noted 2008 in a pond in the Steam Rally field and in 2009, in a pond in Fairchild's Meadows.

Late July to early September.

Large Red Damsels *Pyrrhosoma*

Large Red Damselfly *Pyrrhosoma nymphala*

Common near to water and mostly found resting on untrimmed hedgerows.

April-May.

ANISOPTERA TRUE DRAGONFLIES.

Hawkers *Aeshna*

Migrant Hawker *Aeshna mixta*

Common everywhere. Breeds in Fen Drains but wanders sometimes to bushy areas and some gardens..

Late July to early September.

Brown Hawker *Aeshna grandis.*

Common in all situations but roams widely.

Late May to early October.

Southern Hawker *Aeschna cyanea*

Common mostly seen patrolling taller hedgerows.

June to September

Emperors *Anax*

Emperor Dragonfly *Anax imperator*

Seen mostly patrolling at about a metre height over larger ponds, but not exclusively. Sometimes noted over deeper fen drains.

May to early September.

Hairy Hawkers *Brachytron*

Hairy Hawker *Brachytron pratense*

Breeds in fen drains and mostly seen patrolling low along them.

Does occasionally leave them towards the end of its season.

End April to early July.

Chasers *Libellula*

Four-spotted Chaser *Libellula quadrimaculata*

Common everywhere. Often seen travelling over arable fields.

May to August.

Broad-bodied Chaser *Libellula depressa*

Common at garden ponds and larger lakes. Male holds territories for long periods and then moves on. Teneral often encountered resting on hedgerow bushes.

End May to July.

Scarce Chaser *Libellula fulva*.

Males mostly found holding territory along Old West river banks. Teneral usually found resting on herbage nearby.

Occasionally moves to larger stretch of water i.e. Guppy's Pond.

Late April to end June.

Skimmers *Orthetrum*.

Black-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum*

Males hold territory along Old West River banks and around larger stretches of water. Sometimes found resting on bushes well away from water. Teneral can be found resting even in arable crops.

End June to end August.

Darters *Sympetrum*.

Ruddy Darter *Sympetrum sanguineum*

Regularly found along New Cut Drain bank and other similar grassy footpaths. Likes to settle on bare earth patches and

always flies low to the ground.

End June to end of August.

Yellow-winged Darter *Sympetrum flaveolum*

Just one record from a garden pond in Duck Lane. This species is mainly Eastern European but in some years can migrate westwards in large numbers. This happened in 1995 when this specimen was found.

May to September.

Common Darter *Sympetrum striolatum*.

Common everywhere in fens and gardens.

Late July to end September.