

Dragonflies and Damselflies in West Eugene



More species of dragonflies and damselflies are documented in the West Eugene Wetlands than at any other location in the Willamette Valley. Currently, the best single location within the West Eugene Wetlands to observe dragonflies and damselflies is the Bertelsen Nature Park (which includes Stewart Pond).

For more information on Dragonflies and Damselflies, please see the book "Dragonflies and Damselflies of the Willamette Valley, Oregon: a beginners guide" by Steve Gordon and Cary Kerst (2005, CraneDance Publications, Eugene, Oregon).

Dragonflies (Suborder Anisoptera)

Darner Family (Aeshnidae)	
Common Name	Scientific Name
California darner	<i>Rhionaeschna californica</i>
Blue-eyed darner	<i>Rhionaeschna multicolor</i>
Paddle-tailed darner	<i>Aeshna palmata</i>
Shadow darner	<i>Aeshna umbrosa</i>
Common green darner	<i>Anax junius</i>
Clubtail Family (Gomphidae)	
Pacific Clubtail	<i>Gomphus kurilis</i>
Grappletail	<i>Octogomphus specularis</i>
Spiketail Family (Cordulegastridae)	
Pacific spiketail	<i>Cordulegaster dorsalis</i>
Cruiser, Emerald, Baskettail, Skimmer Family (Libellulidae) Cruiser Subfamily (Macromiinae)	
Western river cruiser	<i>Macromia magnifica</i>
Emerald and Baskettail Subfamily (Cordullinae)	
Beaverpond baskettail	<i>Tetragoneuria canis</i>
Spiny baskettail	<i>Tetragoneuria spinigera</i>

Skimmer Subfamily (Libellulinae)

Western pondhawk	<i>Erythemis collocata</i>
Eight-spotted skimmer	<i>Libellula forensis</i>
Widow skimmer	<i>Libellula luctuosa</i>
Common whitetail	<i>Plathemis lydia</i>
Twelve-spotted skimmer	<i>Libellula pulchella</i>
Four-spotted skimmer	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>
Flame skimmer	<i>Libellula saturata</i>
Blue dasher	<i>Pachydiplax longipennis</i>
Wandering glider	<i>Pachydiplax flavescense</i>
Spot-winged glider	<i>Pantala hymenaea</i>
Variegated meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum corruptum</i>
Autumn meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum vicinum</i>
Saffron-winged meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum costiferum</i>
Cardinal meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum illotum</i>
Red-veined meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum madidum</i>
Western meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum occidentale</i>
Striped meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum pallipes</i>
Dot-tailed whitefaced	<i>Leucorrhinia intacta</i>
Black saddlebags	<i>Tramea lacerata</i>

Damselflies (Suborder Zygoptera)

Broad-Winged Damselfly Family (Calopterygidae)

Common Name	Scientific Name
River jewelwing	<i>Calopteryx aequabilis</i>
American rubyspot	<i>Hetaerina americana</i>

Spreadwing Family (Lestidae)

California spreadwing	<i>Archilestes californica</i>
Spotted spreadwing	<i>Lestes congener</i>
Northern spreadwing	<i>Lestes disjunctus</i>
Emerald spreadwing	<i>Lestes dryas</i>

Spreadwing Family (Lestidae)

Lyre-tipped spreadwing	<i>Lestes unguiculatus</i>
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Pond Damsel Family (Coenagrionidae)

Western red damsel	<i>Amphiagrion abbreviatum</i>
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Emma's dancer	<i>Argia emma</i>
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Vivid dancer	<i>Argia vivida</i>
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Tule bluet	<i>Enallagma carunculatum</i>
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Northern bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>
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Pacific forktail	<i>Ischnura cervula</i>
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Western forktail	<i>Ischnura perparva</i>
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