

CALIFORNIA DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES

aka

CALIFORNIA ODONATA

"messengers of summer and heralds of the sun" - H. Lons, poet and zoologist

Welcome to the California On-line Dragonfly Guide Site! Here you will find links not only to information on and photos of all the species of dragonflies and damselflies in California, but also information on books and general information about dragonflies.

Please scroll down the page to find the links that interest you. - Kathy Biggs, site creator

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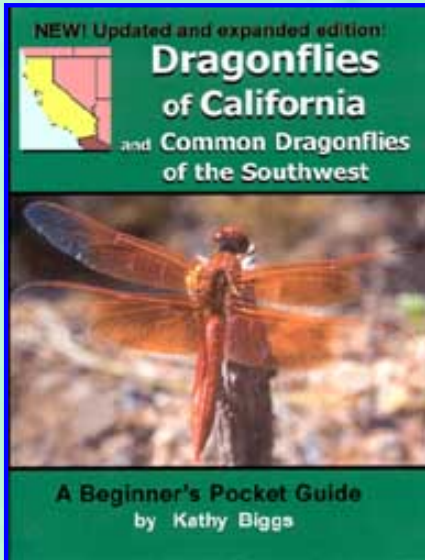


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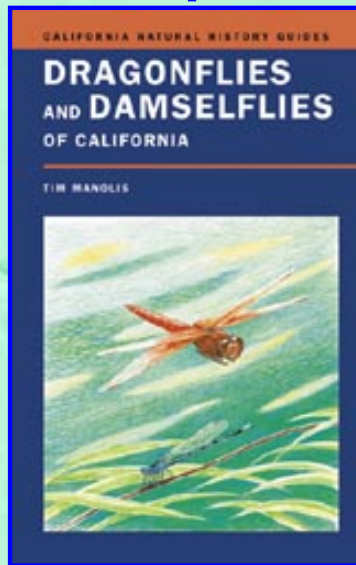


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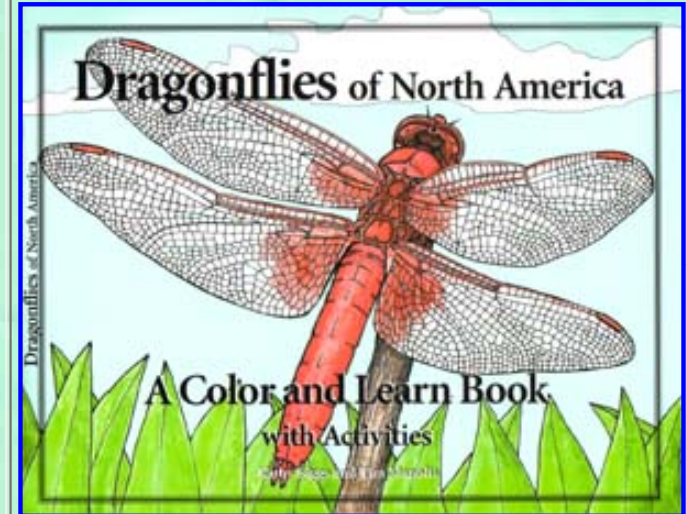
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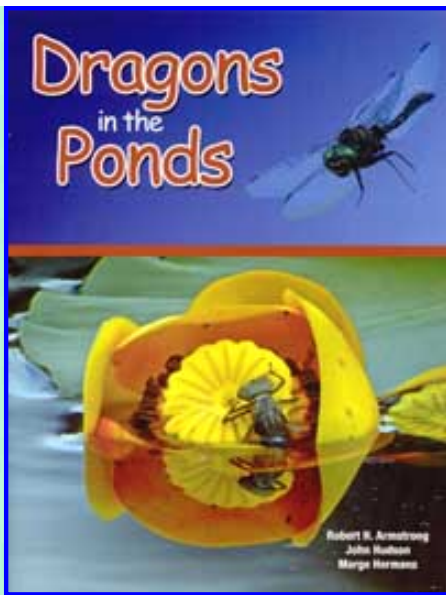
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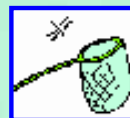
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Heavy-bodied; usually larger than damselflies
wings held open when perched
eyes very close together
strong fliers
about 60 species

Click here to go to the identification 'key' - use to identify a dragonfly or damselfly in hand or from a photo at home

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to take into the field as an aid in making dragonfly identifications.

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Slender-bodied, most smaller than dragonflies
wings held together when perched
eyes far apart
weak fliers
about 40 species

Click here to go to [Dragonfly FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#)
Click here to go to a series of photos depicting the [dragonfly life cycle](#).

Clicking on either of the first two links below will take you to essays providing some general information on dragonflies, while the 3rd link's info is more on dragonflies as a hobby:

[1. A Beginner's Guide to DRAGONFLIES \(Jill Silsby\)](#)

[2. Damsels and Dragons - the Insect Order Odonata \(Ron Lyons\)](#)

Both these are good starting places for anyone who wants to learn basic information about dragonflies and damselflies and the next link gives information and links to the hobby of dragonfly watching

[3. Odes for Beginners](#)

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