

Odonates, Lower Rio Grande

This checklist is taken from the Valley Nature Center web site (June 2004) www.valleynaturecenter.org and has been developed by naturalists and guides (such as Bob Behrstock) in the field while leading the Valley Nature Center's annual Dragonfly Days event. 35% of Texas odonates and 14% of U.S. odonates are found in the LRGV.

DRAGONFLIES

Darners

Turquoise-tipped Darner	<i>Aeshna psilus</i>
Common Green Darner	<i>Anax junius</i>
Amazon Darner	<i>Anax amzili</i>
Bar-sided Darner	<i>Gynacantha mexicana</i>

Clubtails

Broad-striped Forceptail	<i>Aphylla augustifolia</i>
Narrow-striped Forceptail	<i>Aphylla protracta</i>
Flag-tailed Spinyleg	<i>Dromogomphus spoilatus</i>
Eastern Ringtail	<i>Erpetogomphus designatus</i>
Tamaulipan Clubtail	<i>Gomphus gonzalezi</i>
Sulphur-tipped Clubtail	<i>Gomphus militaris</i>
Five-striped Leaf-tail	<i>Phyllogomphoides albrighti</i>
Russet-tipped Clubtail	<i>Stylurus plagiatu</i>

Emeralds

Prince Baskettail	<i>Epithea prince</i>
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Skimmers

Red-tailed Pennant	<i>Brachymesia furcata</i>
Four-spotted Pennant	<i>Brachymesia grvida</i>

Tawny Pennant	<i>Brachymesia herbida</i>
Narrow-winged Skimmer	<i>Cannaphila insularis</i>
Checkered Setwing	<i>Dythemis fugax</i>
Black Setwing	<i>Dythemis nigrescens</i>
Swift Setwing	<i>Dythemis velox</i>
Pin-tailed Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis plebeja</i>
Eastern Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis simplicicollis</i>
Great Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis vesiculosa</i>
Seaside Dragonlet	<i>Erythrodiplax umbrata</i>
Band-winged Dragonlet	<i>Erythrodiplax umbrata</i>
Neon Skimmer	<i>Libellula croceipennis</i>
Needham's Skimmer	<i>Libellula needhami</i>
Marl Pennant	<i>Macrodiplax balteata</i>
Straw-colored Sylph	<i>Macrothemis inacuta</i>
Hyacinth Glider	<i>Miathyria marcella</i>
Spot-tailed Dasher	<i>Micrathyria aequalis</i>
Three-striped Dasher	<i>Micrathyria didyma</i>
Thornbush Dasher	<i>Micrathyria hagenii</i>
Roseate Skimmer	<i>Orthemis ferruginea</i>
Orange-bellied Skimmer	<i>Orthemis discolor</i>
Blue Dasher	<i>Pachydiplax longipennis</i>
Wandering Glider	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>
Spot-winged Glider	<i>Pantala hymenaea</i>
Slough Amberwing***	<i>Perithemis domitia</i>
Eastern Amberwing	<i>Perithemis tenera</i>

Filigree Skimmer	<i>Pseudoleon superbus</i>
Variegated Meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum corruptum</i>
Evening Skimmer	<i>Tholymis citrine</i>
Striped Saddlebags	<i>Tramea calverti</i>
Black Saddlebags	<i>Tramea lacerate</i>
Red Saddlebags	<i>Tramea onusta</i>

DAMSELFLIES

Broad-winged Damselflies

American Rubyspot	<i>Hetaerina americana</i>
Smoky Rubyspot	<i>Hetaerina titia</i>

Spreadwings

Plateau Spreadwing	<i>Lestes alacer</i>
Common Spreadwing	<i>Lestes disjunctus - australis</i>
Rainpool Spreadwing	<i>Lestes forficula</i>
Chalky Spreadwing	<i>Lestes sigma</i>

Threadtails

Amelia's Threadtail	<i>Neoneura amelia</i>
Orange-striped Threadtail	<i>Protoneura cara</i>

Pond Damsels

Mexican Wedgetail	<i>Acanthagrion quadratum</i>
Blue-fronted Dancer	<i>Argia apicalis</i>
Kiowa Dancer	<i>Argia immunda</i>
Powdered Dancer	<i>Argia moesta</i>
Springwater Dancer	<i>Argia plana</i>

Golden-winged Dancer	<i>Argia rhoadsi</i>
Blue-ringed Dancer	<i>Argia sedula</i>
Dusky Dancer	<i>Argia translata</i>
Double-striped Blue	<i>Enallagma basidens</i>
Familiar Blue	<i>Enallagma civile</i>
Big Bluet	<i>Enallagma durum</i>
Neotropical Bluet	<i>Enallagma novaehispaniae</i>
Orange Bluet	<i>Enallagma signatum</i>
Citrine Forktail	<i>Ischnura hastata</i>
Rambur's Forktail	<i>Ischnura ramburii</i>
Caribbean Yellowface	<i>Neoerythromma cultellatum</i>
Desert Firetail	<i>Telebasis salva</i>

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