

Common Green Darner Variegated Meadowhawk Black Saddlebags Wandering Glider Spot-winged Glider





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Dragonfly vs. damselfly

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aquatic nymphs terrestrial adults

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large body, wider abdomen

eyes touch or nearly so

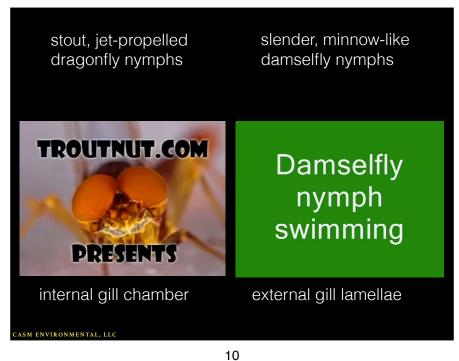
hindwings broader than forewings

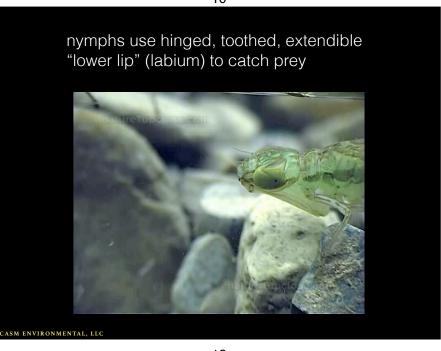
wings horizontal when perched

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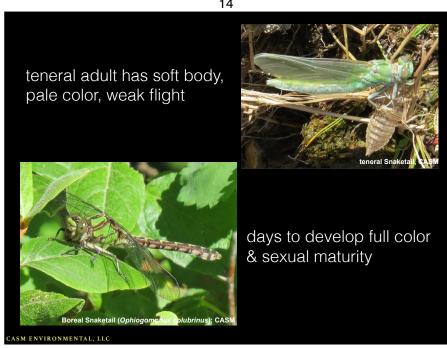
nymphs molts through multiple stages (instars)
wing pads develop as nymph grows
adult emerges from "skin" of final instar nymph

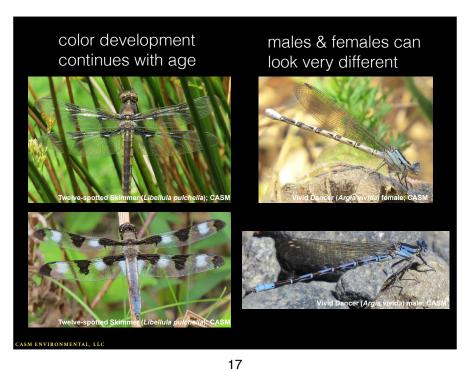
Skimmer emergence; CASM

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dragonfly emergence

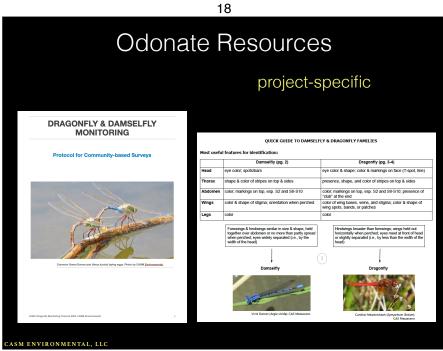
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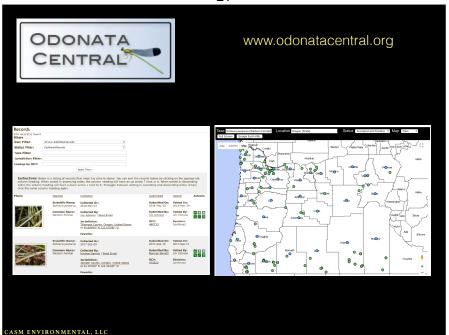


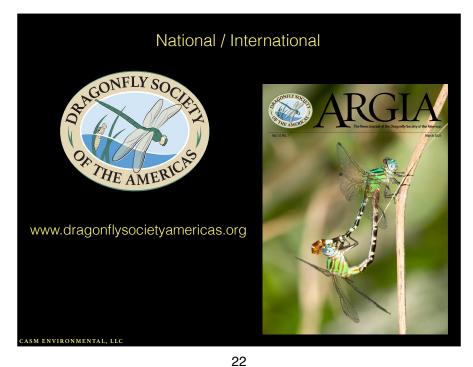


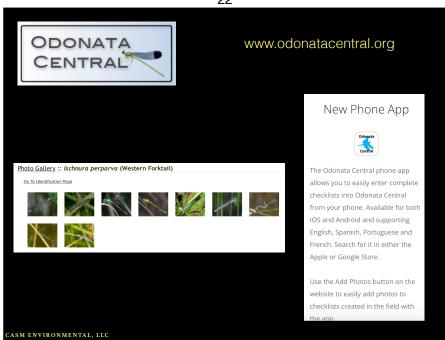


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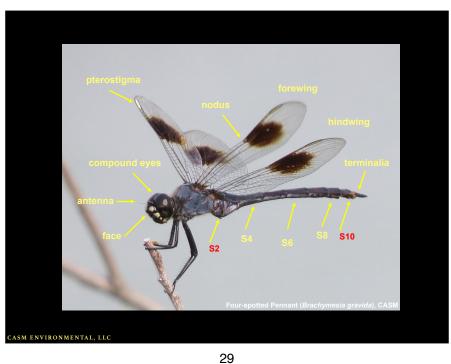
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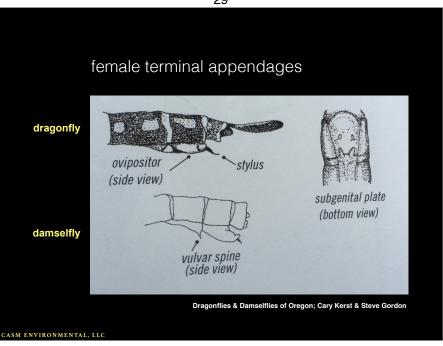
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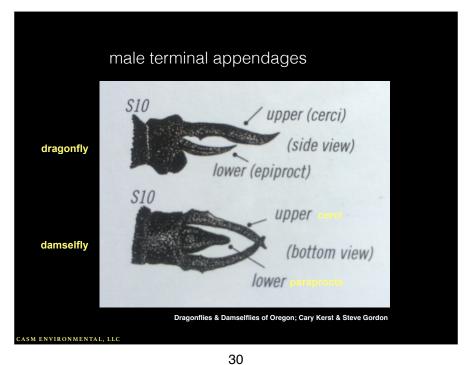
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Darners (Aeshnidae)

Green (Anax), Mosaic (Aeshna), Neotropical (Rhionaeschna)

big; blue, green, brown

large eyes touch along long seam





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Mosaic Darners (Aeshna)

brown with blue/green markings

ID by shape and color of thoracic stripes; male cerci; abdominal spots







Common Green Darner (Anax junius)

green thorax, no stripes

blue or brownish abdomen

black "bull's eye" on top of face

migratory





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Paddle-tailed Darner (A. palmata)

thoracic stripes broad, greenish to blue, straight to slightly wavy

black line on face

blue spots on top of abdomen, inc. S10; none below abdomen

paddle-shaped cerci with spiked tip





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Variable Darner (A. interrupta)

thoracic stripes blue, narrow, may be broken/interrupted

blue spots on top of abdomen, inc. S10; none below abdomen

black line on face

simple cerci





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Neotropical Darners (Rhionaeschna)

similar to Aeshna but eyes bluer, tubercule under S1

ID by shape of thoracic stripes & male cerci





Shadow Darner (A. umbrosa)

thoracic stripes green, narrow rearward extension at top

small blue spots on top of abdomen except S10; spots below abdomen

no black line on face

paddle-shaped cerci, spike at lower end

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Blue-eyed Darner (R. multicolor)

sky-blue face & eyes; no black facial line

broad, straight, pale blue, thoracic stripes

blue spots on top of abdomen, inc. S10; none below abdomen

cerci forked at tips

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California Darner (R. californica)

eyes blue above, brown below

black facial line

thoracic stripes narrow, pale blue, straight, black border; front stripe narrows at top

blue spots on top of abdomen, inc. S10; none below abdomen

simple cerci

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Skimmers (Libellulidae)

King skimmers (Libellula), meadowhawks (Sympetrum), whitefaces (Leucorrhinia), others

large, sturdy, colorful, often with patterned wings

large eyes touch along seam

widespread, common







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King skimmers (Libellula)

patterned wings

males & older females develop pruinosity





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King skimmers (Libellula)

Twelve-spotted (*L.* pulchella) has 3 black spots on each wing

yellow stripe along side of abdomen





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King skimmers (Libellula)

Four-spotted Skimmer (L. quadrimaculata): hairy, brown, black-tipped abdomen; dark spot at each wing nodus

Flame Skimmer (L. saturata): red-orange; wings with orange wash





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King Skimmers (Libellula)

Widow Skimmer (L. luctuosa): broad black patch along basal portion of all wings

yellow stripe on female thorax splits along abdomen





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Common Whitetail (Plathemis lydia)



dashes along abdomen; L. pulchella has line

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P. lydia has broken yellow





Meadowhawks (Sympetrum)

small, reddish, perchers

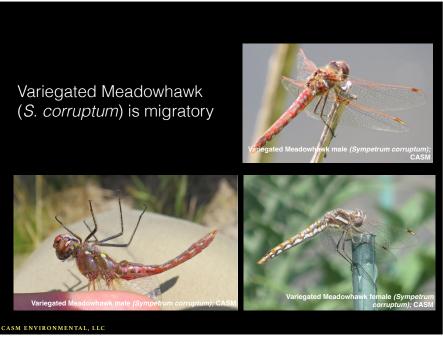
ID by thoracic & abdominal patterns

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30-40 mm						
Species (size)	Head	Identificatio	on Chart N • Mea	dowhawks,	Genus Sympe	
Cherry-faced S. internum Short 31-36 mm	Orange face, brown eyes	Plain	Amber wash at base, orange veins	Black saw- toothed pattern	Legs Black	Photo
White-faced S. obtrusum Short 80-39 mm	White face	Plain	Clear	Black saw- toothed pattern	Black	32
Red-veined S. madidum ong 37-45 mm	Red face and eyes	Plain	Red or amber veins on leading edge	Black saw- toothed pattern	Black	
Saffron- winged S. costiferum Medium 31-38 mm	Red-brown face and eyes	Plain	Golden veins on leading edge	Black on lower sides	Black, brown stripes on up- per sides	
Autumn S. vicinum Short	Red-brown face and eyes	Plain	Clear	Small, thin abdomen	Brown	









Black Saddlebags (Tramea lacerata), Wandering Glider (Pantala flavescens), Spot-winged Glider (P. hymenaea) are migratory







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Emeralds (Corduliidae)

American Emerald (Cordulia shurtleffi)

very hairy thorax

metallic green & bronze

no stripes/spots on side of thorax

thin white ring around base of S3





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Cruisers (Macromiidae)

Western River Cruiser (Macromia magnifica)

large; dark & yellow

long banded abdomen, side stripe on thorax

pearly gray eyes touch at seam on top of head

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Clubtails (Gomphidae)

Olive Clubtail (Stylurus olivaceus)

eyes small, blue, separated

olive face & thorax

dark shoulder stripe

flared dark abdomen; pale green "arrows" pointed towards tip



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Sinuous Snaketail (*Ophiogomphus occidentis*)

eyes small, dark grey, separated

greenish-yellow face

thorax pale green; wavy dark shoulder stripes separated by thin green line

flared black & yellow abdomen

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Damselflies: broad-winged, spreadwings, pond damsels

River Jewelwing male: Californical male; CASM

Tule Bluet (Enellagma carunculgium) male; CASM

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Spreadwings (Lestidae)

wings spread when perched

large; long leg spines

males pruinose, metallic above (*Lestes*)







ID *Lestes* based on appendages, pruinosity

Emerald Spreadwing (*L. dryas*)

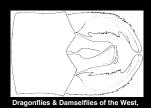
thorax metallic green above

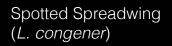
stocky body

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tips of medium-long paraprocts point inwards







thorax brown & white

small dark spots under thorax

short paraprocts





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Pond Damsels (Coenagrionidae)

Dancers (Argia)

blue, lavender, black

bouncy flight

perch with wings above abdomen

long leg spines





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Lyre-tipped Spreadwing (*L. unguiculatus*)

thorax with blue stripes, pruinose

bi-colored stigmas

lyre-shaped paraprocts







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Bluets (Enallagma)

blue & black

S10 black on top

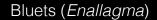
perch with wings along abdomen

shorter leg spines





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Tule Bluet (E. carunculatum): male abdomen more

black than blue; tubercle at end of male cerci

Northern/Boreal Bluet (E. annexum/boreale): male abdomen more blue than black

Forktails (*Ischnura*)

S10 has forked

projection

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Bluets (Enallagma)

Alkali Bluet (E. clausum):

- amount of black vs. blue increases towards tip of abdomen
- black stripe on top of S10
- more often in alkaline lakes but also in freshwater





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Pacific Forktail (I. cervula):

4 blue dots on top of male thorax

female thorax pink/blue when young, becomes dull/dusky with age





Western Forktail (*I. perparva*):

small; short wings

male thorax green-striped; blue at tip of abdomen edged in black

young females orange, pruinose when mature

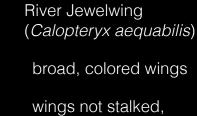




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(Calopterygidae)

Broad-winged Damsels

metallic body

may lack stigma





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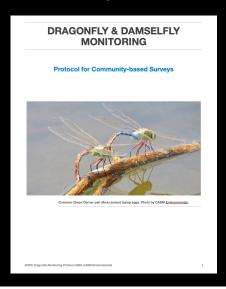
Timing

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Monitoring Protocol

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once every ~14 days during flight season

plan schedule with team



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When should you survey?

Time range	10	:00 am - 4:00 p	9:30 am - 4:30 pm		
Temperature	< 59°F (15°C)	59-65°F (15-18°C)	65-75°F (18-24°C)	>75°F (24°C)	>88°F (31°C)
Cloud cover >60%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Cloud cover <60%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Windy (small tree branches swaying)	No	No	No	No	No
Rain	No	No	No	No	No

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Walk slow transect looking over water and in vegetation

perched, flying, mating, emerging, ovipositing adults

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Safety considerations:

don't work alone

look before you step (nutria tunnels, mud, blackberry, downed logs, trash, dead ducks, wasp nests, etc.)

stay hydrated





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pause and do visual scan at intervals

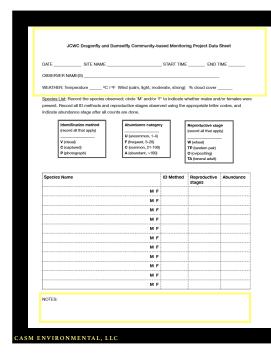
try to avoid double-counting

record abundance & behaviors on data sheet or in notebook

designated team member will enter all records into iNaturalist project



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Basic information:

date, site, start and end time, observers

weather conditions

relevant notes

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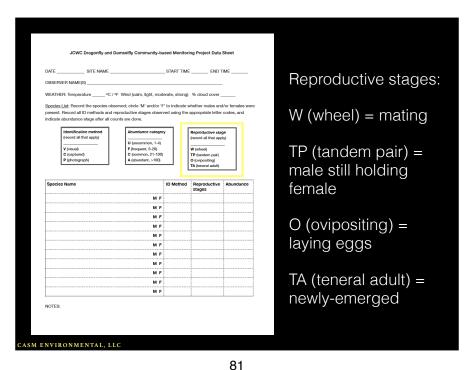
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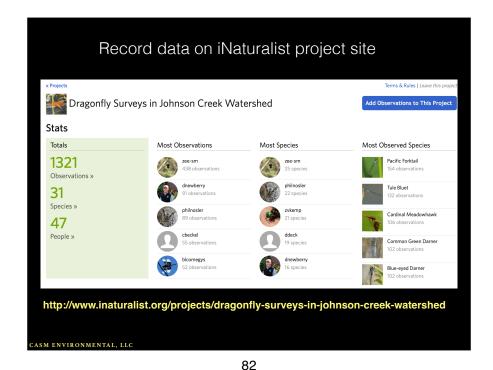
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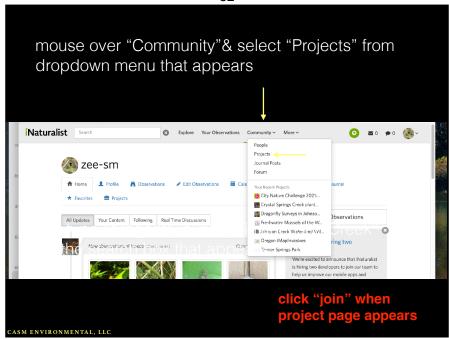
indicate if males (M) and/or females (F) were present in each species seen

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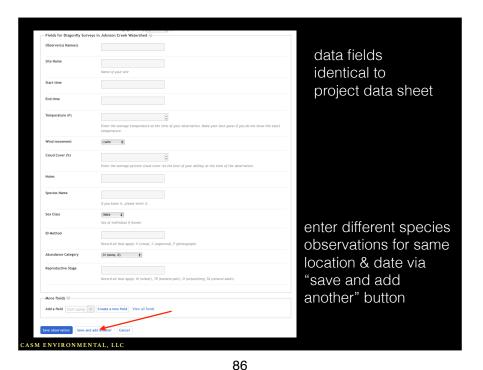


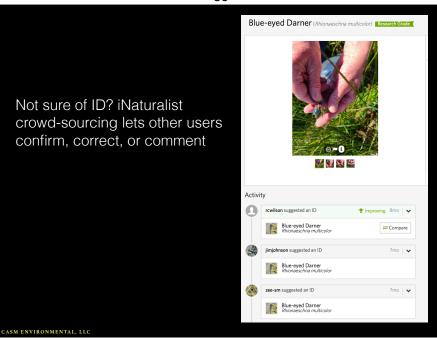
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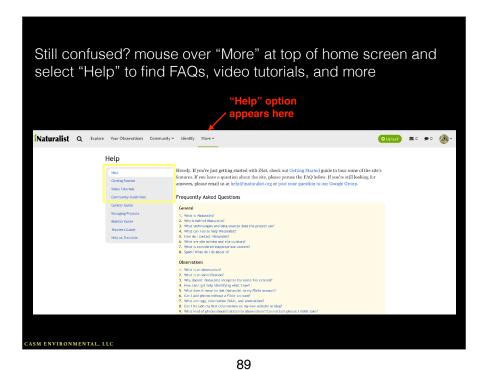
REMEMBER: ONE DATE + ONE SPECIES = 1 RECORD REPORTED!!!!! Observation Fields (11) do not submit multiple Abundance Category: records for different sexes F (frequent, 5-20) Cloud Cover (%): 6 of the same species seen End time: 16:00 on the same day ID Method: overlook wetland area dryer than usual, creek higher, banks in poorer genders and reproductive condition than last year; much more teasel, reed canary grass, and blackberry stages for each species Observer(s) Name(s): seen are captured in the Celeste Searles Mazzacano Reproductive Stage: data fields for the observation Sex of specimen: M. F Start time: 15:22 Temperature (F): 67 ASM ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC





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Cardinal Meadowhawks (Sympetrum illotum) ovipositing:CASM

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