

Through The Lens: Capturing Odonate Natural History & Behavior



How To Lay An Egg

Oviposition Gallery – Damselfly Species



Western Slender Bluets



Slender Spreadwing



Powdered Dancers



River Jewelwing

Egg Laying With Friends



Sweetflag Spreadwings Ovipositing

How To Lay A Bigger Egg



Black-tipped Darner – female ovipositing eggs

Underwater Oviposition – River Jewelwing



Female River Jewelwing Ovipositing While Submerged in Flowing Stream



Egg Insertion Punctures in Eelgrass



Individual Eggs Inserted in Plant Cells – elongate, cylindrical shape

Egg Laying on Plant Debris at Water's Surface



Egg Mass Made by Prince Baskettail (*Epitheca princeps*)

The Perils of Being a Hatchling Odonate



Great Crested Flycatcher with Hatchling Damselfly – ready to feed nestlings



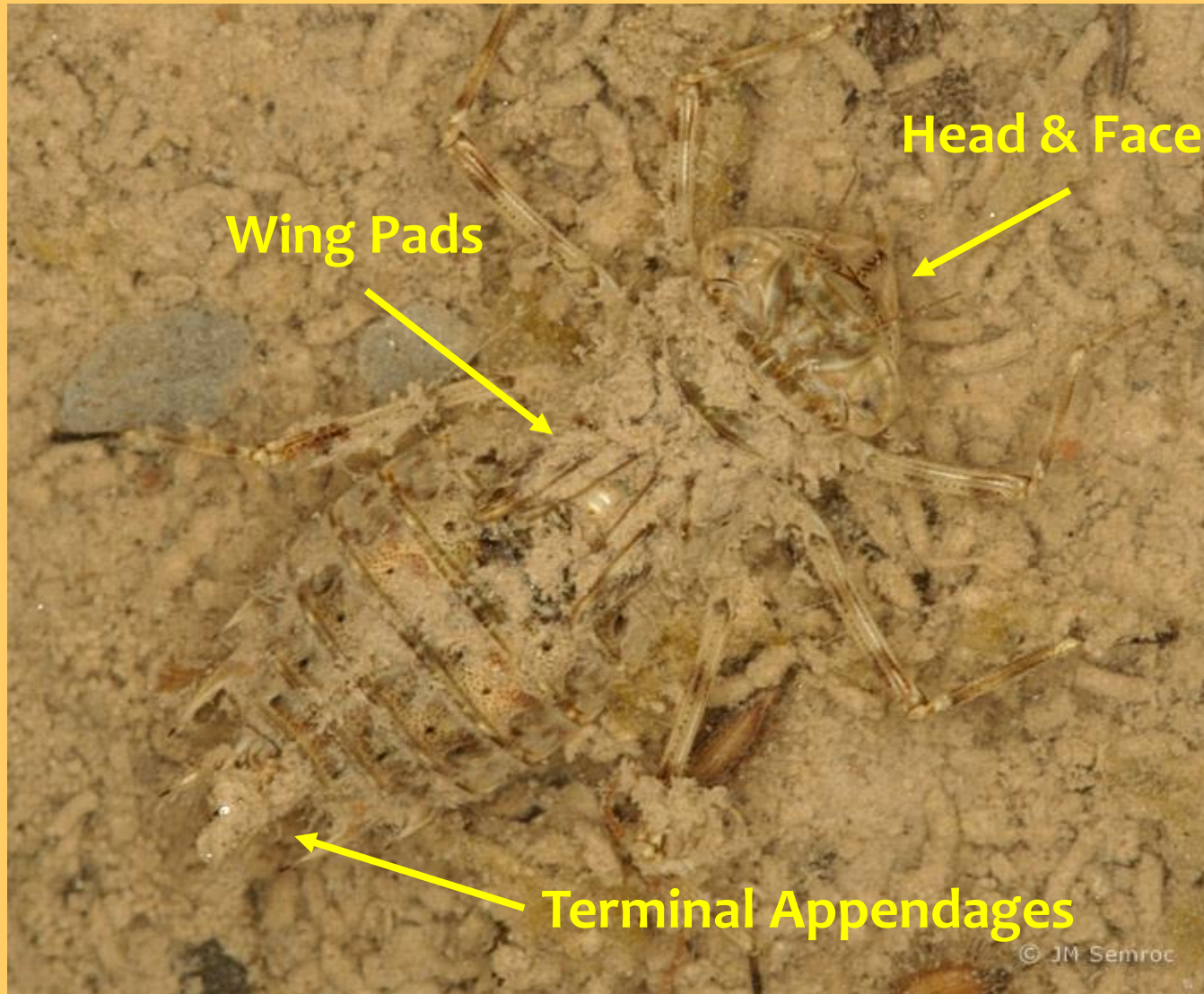
Barn Swallow – feeding young a newly-hatched Eastern Amberwing dragonfly

Aquatic Stage - Nymph Camouflage



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Helpful Attracting/Viewing Ideas

- Many D & D species love to hunt in and around backyard ponds, flower gardens and sunny fields/meadows, looking for prey items
- Watching Skimmer species on their territorial perches can be a good way to view them at rest
- Having a wide selection of flowering plant & tree species are important to attract insects, which then attracts D & D as predators
- Meadow areas with a variety of taller plants are used for hunting insects & as night time roosting and perching sites
- If they have good hunting areas, they will likely visit often



Where to Look for Dragons & Damselfly: Behavior is Important!

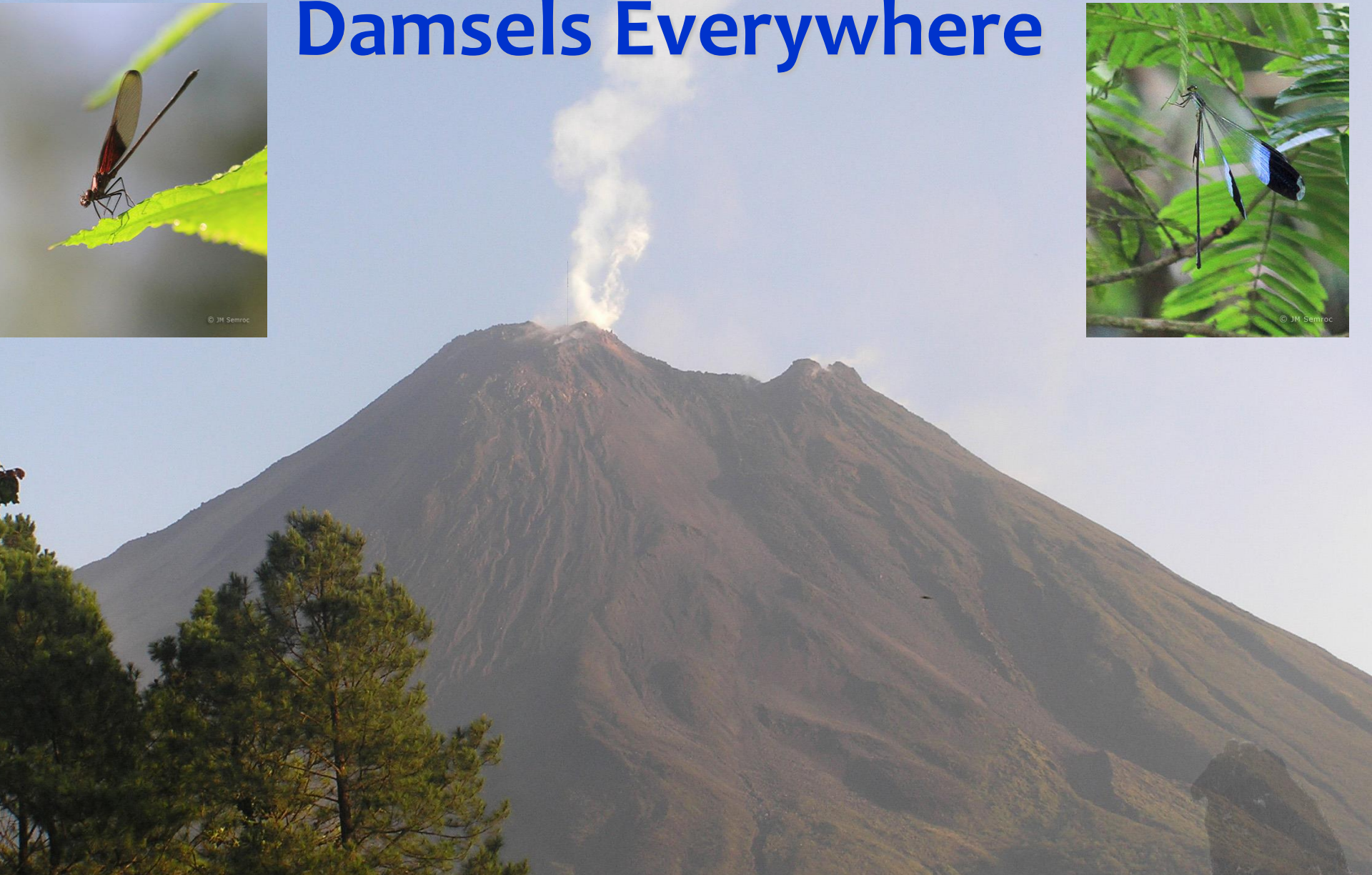
- Check forest edges, meadows & grassy shrub areas in early a.m. for roosting dragons & damselfly. As they retire for the evening, they tend hang with their dorsal sides facing eastward for early morning dew-drying and sunny warm-up.



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