



# The Ohio Dragon - Flier



*\* Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society \**

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**OHIO WILDLIFE STAMP PHOTO CONTEST : FEATURING AN ODONATE !**  
**OOS MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS!** *From Bob Glotzhober & Kendra Wecker*



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp Photo Contest will determine the image of the 2011 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. The photo theme for the 2011 stamp is Dragonflies or Damselflies! Perfect for this group !!

YOU can be the individual to have your photo on the new stamp! ☺  
 Additionally, a prize of \$500.00 will be awarded to the winning

photographer. Your winning photo will also be featured in Wild Ohio Magazine and put on display on the division's web page.

Photo's must be of an Ohio Odonata species. The contest is open to Ohio residents 18 years of age or older.

PHOTO SUBMISSION DATES: ***The contest submission period begins August 1 and ends August 22, 2010.*** Only entries postmarked during these dates will be accepted! Thus, you have most of the 2010 Odonata season to get out and take photos for submission.

For photo contest rules and other specific details of how to submit your Odonata photos go to the ODNR Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp site at this [link](#). A printable version of the rules and contest details are available at this [link](#).

*Images on the left side of this page are examples of various Postage stamp's from around the world featuring Odonata. Nice to see.*

**Note :** This contest is not for a postage stamp, but a wildlife stamp.





## Mark your Calendars !!! & see you there !!



### 2010 GREAT LAKES ODONATA MEETING & COMBINED OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY MEETING IS JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> -11<sup>TH</sup> 2010! *extracted from Bob Glotzhober's communications*

It is confirmed, the dates for this year's Great Lakes Odonata Meeting (GLOM) are Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> **and it will take place in central Ohio**. The meeting will include the annual business meeting of the Ohio Odonata Society on Friday evening at the Cedar Ridge Lodge at Battelle-Darby Metro Park. The brief and informal OOS business meeting will be sandwiched between a cook-out meal of Corn on the cob, Grilled Chicken Kabobs with fixins, (& likely french fries) for all registered attendees and a series of presentations by any participant (OOS member or not) attending the GLOM. If you are interested in presenting a talk, contact Erik Pilgrim at [Pilgrim.Erik@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Pilgrim.Erik@epamail.epa.gov) or by phone at 513-569-7797. For more details on the field trips and registration, watch for info in the DSA's "Argia" publication, and on the OOS website maintained by Dave McShaffrey at <http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>. Additionally you may contact the event organizer Bob Glotzhober at [bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org](mailto:bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org) or 614-298-2054. At this time a lot of details are still being arranged, but are becoming firm each passing day.

#### HIGHLIGHTS, ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

The highlight and major attraction of this meeting will be collecting and photography along Big and Little Darby Creeks. The Nature Conservancy listed these streams as one of the "Last Great Places" in the United States. The Darby Creeks are state and federal Scenic Rivers and the Ohio EPA says that "*the watershed is known to provide habitat for several state and federally listed endangered species. The streams in the watershed are home to unique and diverse biological communities of fish, freshwater mussels and the associated benthic invertebrate fauna.*" *Ophiogomphus rupinsulensis* (Rusty Snaketails) and a variety of other interesting clubtails cruise the river habitat, as well as up to four species of River Cruisers (*Macromia* spp) and the fascinating *Nasiaeschna pentacantha* (Cyrano Darner). Nearby ponds are home for *Anax longipes* (Comet Darner) and other interesting pond species. Much of the two rivers are enclosed within several of the Columbus Metro Parks, and the Park District is a co-sponsor of the event. Many of the field trips will take place on Metro Park properties. Other field trip possibilities being explored are the nearby Olentangy River (also a State Scenic River), and further afield to Clear Creek at the edge of the Hocking Hills and a photo-only trip to Cedar Bog Nature Preserve. A Saturday evening outing to search for *Neurocordulia* species (Shadow Dragons) is also in the works. Details will be updated as they become available on the OOS web page (<http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>). Join us for one or all three days!

#### REGISTRATION, HOTELS AND OTHER INFO.

A registration form is almost complete and will be posted on the OOS web page soon - watch for it. Tentatively an all inclusive registration price for all 3 days, all meals, etc is projected to be \$30.00. If you can only make one day, no problem, reduced registration pricing for individual events will also be available.

Hotel? Red Roof in at Hilliard: 5001 Renner Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228: web link = [Red Roof Inn](#)  
A call for info gave an initial quote of us getting rooms with 2 queens (Regularly at \$75.00) for a much reduced rate with a block of 15 rooms. Once again check the OOS web page often for the registration form & more details on these rooms (<http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>) - get things in early !!

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEER GROUP LEADERS! STEP UP AND BE A LEADER.

Let Bob Glotzhober know ASAP if you can volunteer to be a trip leader (Contact Bob Glotzhober at [bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org](mailto:bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org) or by phone at 614-298-2054). For this job, it is not critical that you be an "expert" in Odonata, nor that you know intimately the sites you will take a group of folks to visit. Maps, directions, and lists of anticipated species and copies of permits will be provided to each group leader. The group as a whole can be the "experts". We need some OOS members to help coordinate each group - so we don't need to have everyone at the same place at the same time and overwhelm the site.

## 2009 IRONWOOD ODONATES!

By Milton R. Rutter

Odonata sightings for 2009 in the Ironwood area, 3572 Lake Road, Conneaut, Ohio 44030-3114, (Ashtabula County, Ohio) adjacent to the North Kingsville Sand Barrens, property of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) is provided. Ironwood includes 42 acres now owned by CMNH, along with the remaining 20 acres owned by Milton R. Rutter. Observations and the following list was compiled by the author during 2009. Dates are first and last sightings, followed by the number of days sighted during that period.



### Zygoptera

#### Broad-winged damselflies

##### Family Calopterygidae

Ebony Jewelwing- *Calopteryx maculata*  
28May-22Aug 50

#### Spreadwing damselflies :

##### Family Lestidae

Great Spreadwing- *Archilestes grandis*  
12Aug-9Nov 44  
Swamp Spreadwing- *Lestes vigilax*  
22Jun-10Sep 8  
Spotted Spreadwing- *Lestes congener*  
28Sep-19Oct 2  
Slender Spreadwing- *Lestes rectangularis*  
4Jun-25Sep 53

#### Narrow-winged damselflies

##### Family Coenagrionidae

Eastern Red Damsel- *Amphiagrion saucium*  
4J un-22Aug 12  
Variable (violet) Dancer- *Argia fumipennis violacea*  
7Aug 1  
Double-striped Bluet- *Enallagma basidens*  
27May-14Sep 19  
Familiar Bluet- *Enallagma civile*  
23May-19Sep 12  
Western Slender Bluet- *Enallagma traviatum westfalli*  
26Jun-11Jul 2  
Azure Bluet- *Enallagma aspersum*  
11Jul 1  
Skimming Bluet- *Enallagma geminatum*  
15May-14Sep 22  
Orange Bluet- *Enallagma signatum* \*\*\* (Figure 1)  
9Jun-1Sep 9  
Vesper Bluet- *Enallagma vesperum* \*\*\*  
17Jul 1

Aurora Damsel- *Chromagrion conditum* (Figure 2)

14Jun-5Jul 4

Fragile Forktail- *Ischnura posita*

19May-16Sep 55

Eastern Forktail- *Ischnura verticalis*

15May-14Sep 33



Figure 1. *Enallagma signatum*

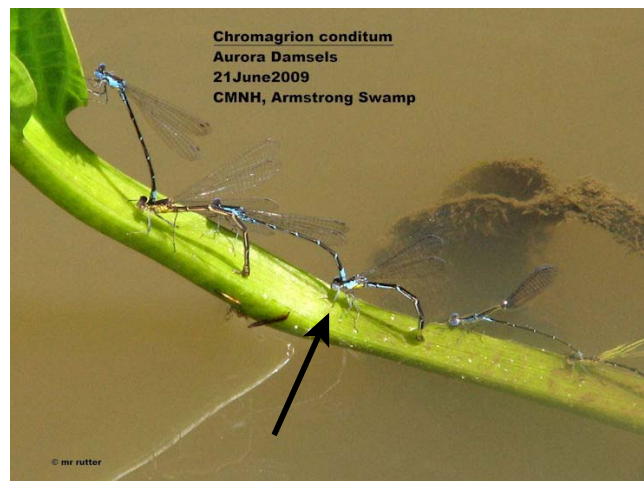


Figure 2. *Chromagrion conditum*

### Anisoptera

#### Darners

##### Family Aeshnidae

Common Green Darner- *Anax junius*  
14May-27Sep 76  
Fawn Darner- *Boyeria vinosa*  
16Jul-7Sep 6  
Lance-tipped Darner- *Aeshna constricta*  
5Aug-21Sep 10

Shadow Darner- *Aeshna umbrosa*  
 2Aug-22Sep 24  
 Green-striped Darner- *Aeshna verticalis*  
 7Sep-27Sep 6  
 Swamp Darner- *Epiaeschna heros*  
 23May-29Jun 20  
 Springtime Darner- *Basiaeschna janata* \*\*\*  
 23May 1

**Clubtails**

**Family Gomphidae**

Unicorn Clubtail- *Arigomphus villosipes*  
 12Jun-22Jun 2  
 Lancet Clubtail- *Gomphus exilis*  
 4Jun-26Jun 4  
 Eastern Least Clubtail- *Stylogomphus albistylus* \*\*\*  
 14Jun 1 (Figure 3)  
 Southern Pygmy Clubtail- *Lanthus vernalis*  
 27May-23Jun 16

**Spiketails**

**Family Cordulegastridae**

Delta-spotted Spiketail- *Cordulegaster diastatops*  
 4Jun-24Jun 8

**Emeralds**

**Family Corduliidae**

Common Baskettail- *Epitheca cynosura*  
 22May-12Jul 29  
 Clamp-tipped Emerald- *Somatochlora tenebrosa*  
 19Aug-20Sep 11

**Skimmers**

**Family Libellulidae**

Calico Pennant- *Celithemis elisa*  
 31May-1Sep 21  
 Halloween Pennant- *Celithemis eponina*  
 31May-7Aug 16  
 Eastern Pondhawk- *Erythemis simplicicollis*  
 19Jun-25Aug 12  
 Dot-tailed Whiteface- *Leucorrhinia intacta*  
 31May-22Jun 4  
 Widow Skimmer- *Libellula luctuosa*  
 29May-23Sep 39  
 Twelve-spotted Skimmer- *Libellula pulchella*  
 23May-19Sep 40  
 Painted Skimmer- *Libellula semifasciata*  
 3Aug 1  
 Common Whitetail Skimmer- *Plathemis lydia*  
 21May-19Aug 47

Blue Dasher- *Pachydiplax longipennis*  
 10Jun-21Aug 24  
 Eastern Amberwing- *Perithemis tenera*  
 26Jun-25Aug 5  
 Wandering Glider- *Pantala flavescens*  
 21Jun-21Aug 3  
 Ruby Meadowhawk- *Sympetrum rubicundulum*  
 10Jun-4Sep 35  
 Autumn Meadowhawk- *Sympetrum vicinum*  
 6Aug-9Nov 31  
 Band-winged Meadowhawk- *Sympetrum semicinctum*  
 7Jul-22Sep 13  
 White-faced Meadowhawk- *Sympetrum obtrusum*  
 20Sep-27Sep 6  
 Black Saddlebags- *Tramea lacerata*  
 9Jun-23Sep 16



Figure 3. *Stylogomphus albistylus*

TOTAL for 2009 = 47 species, including four new species recorded for the Ironwood area. \*\*\*  
 ✓ Cumulative total of species recorded in the Ironwood area as of the end of 2009 = **63**.

The following 16 species recorded in earlier years were not observed in 2009:

Amber-winged Spreadwing- *Lestes eurinus*  
 Sweetflag Spreadwing- *Lestes forcipatus*  
 Stream Bluet- *Enallagma exulans*  
 Tule Bluet- *Enallagma carunculatum*  
 Citrine Forktail- *Ischnura hastata*  
 Comet Darner- *Anax longipes*  
 Black-tipped Darner- *Aeshna tuberculifera*  
 Spatterdock Darner- *Rhionaeschna mutata*  
 Cyrano Darner- *Nasiaeschna pentacantha*  
 Cobra Clubtail- *Gomphus vastus*  
 Twin-spotted Spiketail- *Cordulegaster maculata*

Prince Baskettail- *Epitheca princeps*  
 Spot-winged Glider- *Pantala hymenaea*  
 Slaty Skimmer- *Libellula incesta*  
 Golden-winged Skimmer- *Libellula auripennis*  
 Carolina Saddlebags- *Tramea carolina*

- ✓ Voucher specimens of the following 11 species (16 specimens in 13 envelopes with data cards) were submitted, on 13 November 2009, to Joe Keiper, Curator of Invertebrate Biology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH).
  - ✓ Information on the data cards was also submitted to Bob Glotzhofer at the Ohio Historical Society.

Western Slender Bluet- *Enallagma traviatum westfalli*, one male.  
 Skimming Bluet- *Enallagma geminatum*, one male.  
 Orange Bluet- *Enallagma signatum*, one male, one female.  
 Vesper Bluet- *Enallagma vesperum*, one male.  
 Aurora Damsel- *Chromagrion conditum*, two males, two females.  
 Fawn Darner- *Boyeria vinosa*, one male.  
 Lance-tipped Darner- *Aeshna constricta*, one female.  
 Green-striped Darner- *Aeshna verticalis*, one male, one female.  
 Springtime Darner- *Basiaeschna janata*, one male.  
 Common Baskettail- *Epitheca cynosura*, one female.  
 Ruby Meadowhawk- *Sympetrum rubicundulum*, one male.

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### Calendar of Upcoming Meetings / Events:

by editor *Steve W. Chordas III*

**OSU Museum of Biological Diversity Annual Open House.**  
 Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February-2010 : 10:00am - 4:00pm.  
 The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity, 1315 Kinnear Road, Columbus Ohio.  
**Open to the Public - free of charge.** More information for this event is at <http://mbd.osu.edu/openhouse.htm>

**Ohio Natural History Conference** : Saturday, 20-February-2010. Location = Big Walnut High School, 555 South Old 3C Road, Sunbury, Ohio, 43074. Registration is required. Registration = \$20.00, student registration = \$10.00, (lunch will be on your own this year). One may either call to register at 614-457-8787 or inquire via email at [Ohiobiosurvey@rroho.com](mailto:Ohiobiosurvey@rroho.com)

**Ohio Vernal Pools Workshops** : 2 dates / locations.  
 6-March-2010: Franklin County, Reynoldsburg Ohio  
 17-April-2010: Summit County, Richland Ohio  
 Cost = \$10 per person per workshop for Ohio Environmental Council members and \$15 for non-members, which includes a one-year OEC membership. [Register here](#)

**Combined Ohio Odonata Society 2010 Meeting and Great Lakes Odonata Meetings** : Friday 9, July - Sunday 11, July 2010. Central Ohio. **\*\*See page2 of this newsletter for more details.**

## New Dragon-flier section. ODONATA IN EVERYDAY LIFE ?

Contribution By *Mary Jo White*

These tacks were bought at a dollar store and given to me by someone who thought of me when she saw them.



The bookmark was free at a Native Art Display.



This section of the newsletter is intended to be a member driven / member contribution section. Where in your everyday life (i.e. your home, car, work, hobbies, etc) do odonates occur or are part of ?

For example:

- ✓ Do you have a favorite fire cured serving bowl that has Odonate decorations?
- ✓ Do you have placed pictures?
- ✓ Do you have Odonate kitchen fixtures?
- ✓ Do you have Odonate bathroom fixtures?
- ✓ Do you have Odonate wall decorations?
- ✓ Do you know where other members may obtain Odonate fixtures or the like?
- ✓ Do you have an Odonate room in your house - or would you like one?

Take a photo, send in a comment, make a comment, tell us where to get good Odonata "things".

Lets contribute!! Send in your examples, comments, contributions, photos of favorite items, room photos, etc to the editor Steve Chordas III at ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) or snail mail at 1063 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

\*\* There are already 2 contributions for the May newsletter!

Thank You !!

*Standing request* : Anyone know where to get Odonata hooks for hanging towels or coats or the like?

# Have a great Winter -- Spring 2010!



## PLEASE SUBMIT : **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS !!**

From the editor, *Steve W. Chordas III*

Special Thanks to *Mary Jo White, Milton Rutter* (who also provided the photos) and *Bob Glotzhober* for submitting contributions to this newsletter!!

We are always looking for your thoughts / findings / Odonata related materials, announcements or general information to include in the Dragon-flier. We welcome submissions from our membership. Feel free to send your contributions, ideas, suggestions to Steve Chordas at ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) or snail mail at 1063 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

## WHAT IS COMING IN THE MAY 2010 ISSUE OF THE DRAGON-FLIER ?

From the editor *Steve W. Chordas III*

Member contributions ?? More 2010 GLOM/OOS meeting details, summer 2009 collection / photographic results from members, (items that were intended to make this issue but were not ready in time (completely the editors fault) = Dragonflies in the classroom at Ohio State summer of 2010 & three new Brown county odonate records from 2009) + Much more .

- ★ If you have announcements or event notification information to include in the "calendar of events section", please send them to the editor at [stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the January 2010 newsletter. *Thanks !!*

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER !

*From the OOS officers.*

- ✓ OOS membership runs on a calendar year. Thus, all 2009 memberships have now officially expired! Dues for 2010 are now being requested. Many members typically pay their dues at the annual meeting (which has been held in March for the past several years). OOS officers understand this tendency and have accounted for it. However the meeting for 2010 will not occur until July. Please don't wait until then! Send in the form below!

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## OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2010 DUES STATEMENT



Regular Membership = \$ 5.00  
Supporting Membership = \$10.00

           (Yes) I would be interested in receiving the *Ohio Dragon-Flier* via e-mail as a PDF file, instead of via U.S. surface mail.  
(Your e-mail address is required for this option).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Return this form with payment (cash encouraged - receipts will be sent) to :  
(Make checks payable to : Ohio Odonata Society)

- ★ Or bring this form with you to the 2010 Annual meeting and hand it to Bob at that time ! (We will also have blank forms available at the meeting).

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