



# The Ohio Dragon - Flier



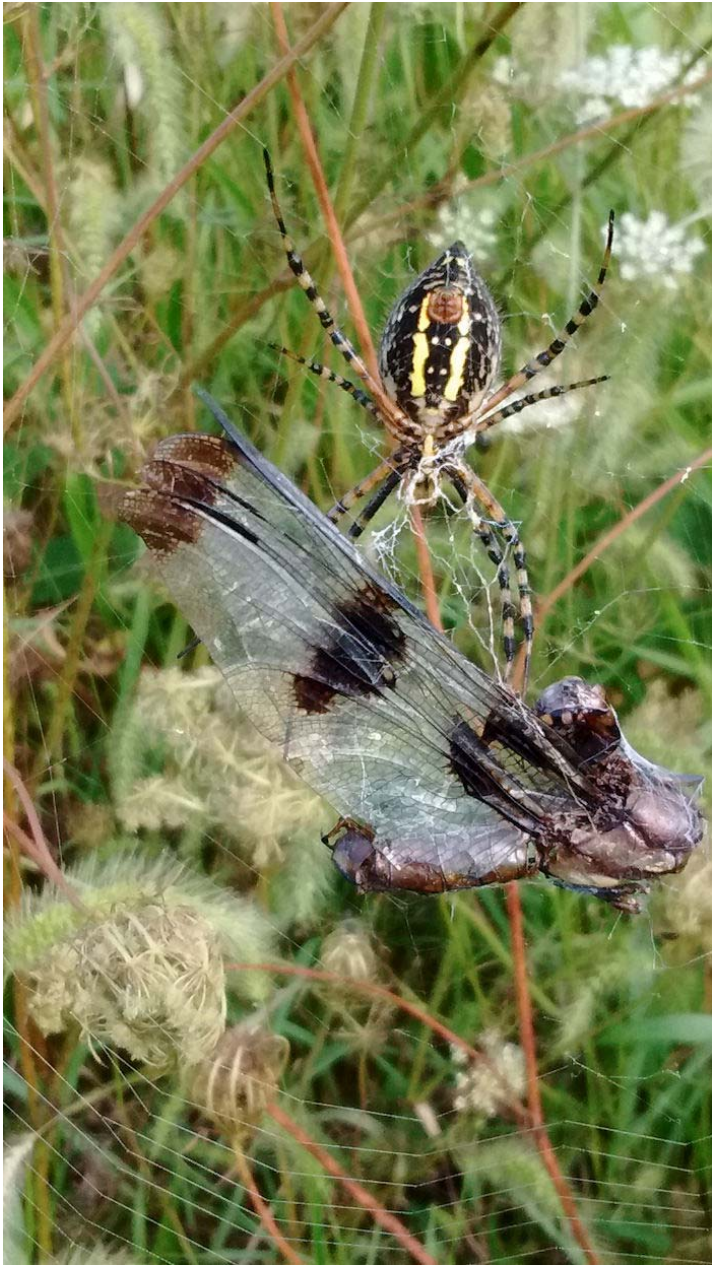
*\* Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society \**

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**PHOTO CHALLENGE!** *By editor Steve Chordas III*

While hunting for Thyreocorids (Black Bugs : Hemiptera: Thyreocoridae) in Auglaize county, Ohio on 4-September-2016, I encountered a sight that both intrigued and startled me. Using a sweepnet, briskly sweeping and walking fairly fast through an open field I spotted the scene pictured to the right. Since I walked upon it quickly and did not notice it until it was directly in front of my net, it kind of scared me - Whooo what is that? Looked close and dang! What a catch there. Stared for a moment, went back to the vehicle, retrieved the digital SLR and took this photo. The spider never moved away, staying basically in the pictured position the entire time I was observing; almost like saying, you leave my catch alone buddy! This is mine. This is quite an impressive catch. Have others observed similar scenes? Would love to hear about them.



The challenge?  
 What Odonate is this?  
 Or - what spider is this?  
 Even better - Who can ID **BOTH** the spider and the Odonate?  
 Send your answer(s) to the editor ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)), we will gladly recognize all who got 1 or the other or both in the next Dragonflier!



*Photo by Steve Chordas III, 4-IX-2016*





**SAVE THE DATE & SEE YOU THERE : 22, 23 + 24 - JUNE - 2018**  
(2018 DRAGONFLY CONFERENCE + OOS ANNUAL MEETING)

By 2018 OOS officers

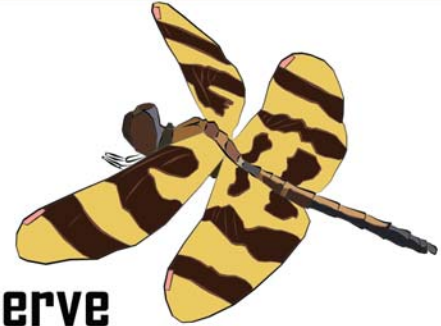


**IMPORTANT / REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

- \* Link to meeting page (info - etc) = <https://u.osu.edu/ohioodonatasurvey/odo-con-18/>
- \* Promotional flyer provided here :

\*\* OOS Members, since conference registration includes OOS membership, there is no need to submit 2018 member dues (unless of course you are not attending Odo-Con-18 / then please submit member dues as usual)

**Join us for Odo-Con-18!**  
**June 22-24, 2018**  
**in Hancock County, Ohio**  
**at Oakwoods Nature Preserve**



**Why you should attend:**

- Ohio's largest Dragonfly and Damselfly event!
- A blockbuster series of **expert guided trips**
- Presentation topics: Photography, Identification, Survey Updates, and more!
- All are welcome: no prior Odonata experience required!

**Cost: \$40 for regular admission or \$15 for student**

Register on the  
Ohio Dragonfly Survey webpage

[u.osu.edu/  
ohioodonatasurvey/](http://u.osu.edu/ohioodonatasurvey/)



*Apply this year!*

**SMALL GRANTS FROM OOS?**

By the OOS Officers

**Editors note : to date we have not been able to give away any \$\$ ... why ?? - Simple : only one team has applied / got the grant / then gifted it back to the society (see Dragonflier article in Vol26#1)! There is plenty of time until the deadline for this \$\$**

**\*You should apply this year!**

Attached to this Dragonflier (27#1) newsletter is a fill-able form that members can use to apply for the OOS Small Grant for 2018-2019. A paper-copy of the application form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

*Below is re-printed / updated from the dragonflier Volume 21#2, 2011*

This is the call for proposals that is open to current OOS members in good standing (i.e. paid for the year proposal is submitted (2018) & potentially funded). The recipient, or recipients, of the small grant (if any) will be expected to present their findings, or project overview and results, to that point at the annual OOS meeting the following year. (i.e. projects receiving a small grant in 2018 must present at the 2019 annual meeting).

Small grant proposals up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be evaluated and considered. The OOS officers serving at the time of the proposal submission will form the committee to evaluate, accept and potentially fund the proposal (or proposals). Duration of the small grants program will be limited by the amount in treasury that exceeds anticipated operating funds and will be suspended upon depletion of the OOS funds available. Application form and details, deadlines and evaluation procedures are in the attached application form. If you have trouble with this document please contact newsletter editor Steve Chordas III ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) or contact Steve by phone at 614-421-7159 and we will get a form to you. Also see the motion for the small grants in the meeting minutes on page 4 of the 2011 Dragonflier (Volume 21 Number 2, 2011).

Submit your winning proposal now (completed proposals are to be submitted to the OOS President :**Jim Lemon** ([jlem@woh.rr.com](mailto:jlem@woh.rr.com)). **Proposal submissions will be officially be accepted until 11:59pm on 11-June-2018.** Announcement of the winning proposal (if any or proposals if more than one) will occur at the next annual meeting (24-June-2018). Best of luck!

## 2018 DRAGONFLY SOCIETY OF THE AMERICA'S

- From the editor / via DSA Home page + DSA facebook page

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas (DSA) will be held in Finland, Minnesota, USA from 13-15 July. Check out the meeting website at <https://sites.google.com/udel.edu/dsa2018/home>. The meeting will combine multiple days of field trips with one day of talks (Saturday) and lots of opportunity to socialize. Pre-meeting and post-meeting ~2-day field trips are also being planned. Anyone with an interest in Odonates is welcome and encouraged to attend. *Thanks!!*

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### CALL FOR 2019-2021 NOMINATIONS : OOS PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By Steve Chordas III

We are soliciting nominations for two new OOS members to serve on the Photographic Committee (PRC) starting in 2019. Members serve on the committee for the duration of 3 calendar years (1-January through 31-December). Two new members will be elected at the 2018 OOS meeting and begin their 3 year tenure as a contributing committee member on 1-January-2019. Send nominations to the newsletter editor Steve Chordas ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) or contact Steve by phone at 614-421-7159. *Thanks!!*

\*\* If you have a photo record of a Dragonfly or Damselfly, please contact a current committee member to have your photo evaluated for acceptance as an official Ohio record. The 6 member Photographic Records Committee currently consists of the following individuals with their e-mail contact:

LARRY ROSCHE ([larryrosche@gmail.com](mailto:larryrosche@gmail.com))

SHANE MYERS ([rebo429@gmail.com](mailto:rebo429@gmail.com))

\*IAN ADAMS ([ian@ianadamsphotography.com](mailto:ian@ianadamsphotography.com))

\*ROB LIPTAK ([rjliptak@gmail.com](mailto:rjliptak@gmail.com))

JIM LEMON ([jlem@woh.rr.com](mailto:jlem@woh.rr.com))

SALLY ISACCO (Email address Needed)

\*= IAN ADAMS & ROB LIPTAK 1 year remaining (2018):

**ARTICLE Here !**

by You !!

Please submit materials to the editor Steve Chordas III at  
([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net))

or

snail mail : 1063 West Second Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

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## ODONATA IN EVERYDAY LIFE ?

6 contributions from Bob Restifo (= ^^) + 2 from Janna Thompson (= \*\*)  
(many more Odonata items to come from Bob in future issues).



Dragonfly door handles\*\*



Solar powered LED multi-colored Dragonfly gardenlight - super cool! Check them out at "www.moonrays.com" [in garden accents] \*\*

- - Great gift idea - -



Placecard Holders^^



Plant Hanger^^



Plaque^^



Brass Rain Gauge^^



Dragonfly Sconce^^



Dragonfly Sconce Light - II ^^

If you have any contributions to this section please send these to the editor at [stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the 2018 (Volume 28, #2) newsletter.

*Thanks!!*

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OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES : 2017

**Sunday 25-June-2017 : Odo-con attendees**

*(if any member has photos of the meeting attendees, please forward to the newsletter editor / thanks)*

**Location:** The Nature Conservancy; Grand River Conservation Campus (GRCC). Ashtabula County Ohio.

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by President Dave McShaffery at 8:40 am.

Bob Glotzhober requested a list of species seen at each of the locations so that a report can be made and shared with the GRCC.

**2016 OOS Business Meeting Minutes:**

OOS business meeting minutes were published in the Dragonflyer Newsletter (Volume 27(1): 2017). There were no corrections or additions. Bob Glotzhober moved to accept the minutes as published in the Dragonflyer, Rob Liptak seconded and the motion passed.

**2016-2017 OOS Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer's Report as of 23 June 2017.

Balance in checking account as of July, 2016	\$2,799.39
Expenses	
OBS membership	\$ 125.00
Cash for meeting	\$ 100.00
Jim Lemon, Printing	\$ 31.15
AV Equipment	\$ 394.30
Membership Refunds	\$ 25.00
Income (Registration fees and Dues)	+ \$2,155.00
Balance as of 21 June 2017	= <b>\$4,278.94</b>

Submitted by Robert A. Restifo : Secretary/Treasurer OOS.

Additional Old Business? None; old business closed.

**New Business:**

**Officers elected for the 2017 Calendar Year:**

Dave McShaffery made a motion to move the officers up the chain. Steve Chordas seconded and the motion passed. Malisa Spring volunteered to become Member-at-Large, Bob Glotzhober seconded and the motion passed. Officers serve on a calendar year 1-January to 31-December). Thus, officers for the 2017 calendar year are:

- President : Jim Lemon*
- Past President 2016 : Dave McShaffery*
- Vice President : Shane Myers* (meeting organizer for 2018)
- Member-at-Large : MaLisa Spring*
- Secretary / Treasurer : Bob Restifo*
- \*\*Although not an elected office the Newsletter Editor is / remains for 2017 = Steve Chordas III*

**Photo Records Committee Election:**

Current 2017 Photo records committee members:  
3 years (2017, 2018, 2019): Larry Rosche & Shane Myers  
2 years remaining (2017, 2018): Ian Adams & Rob Liptak  
\*1 year remaining (2017): Linda Gilbert & Bob Glotzhober  
*\*(both to expire 31-December-2017)*

Nominations solicited from the floor + discussion of potential candidates (none sent in as solicited via the previous issue of the Dragonflyer). **Jim Lemon & Sally Isacco** were ultimately selected to be appointed to the Photo Records Committee starting 1-January-2018; motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by membership on the floor; **Approved** unanimously from floor.

Thus, the 2018 Photo records committee members shall be:  
3 years (2018, 2019, 2020): **Jim Lemon & Sally Isacco**  
2 years remaining (2018, 2019): **Larry Rosche & Shane Myers**  
1 year remaining (2018): **Ian Adams & Rob Liptak**

A motion was made (not recorded as to whom made the motion?) to have photos loaded to MaLisa's web page under the categories of "confirmed, unconfirmed and INaturalist". Dave McShaffery moved to accept, the motion was seconded from the floor and passed unanimously.

Bob Glotzhober thanked Larry Roche for his outstanding, and long tenured, Photo Committee work and Steve Chordas for continually being editor of the Newsletter and for the great meal [let's not forget Sue Lemon and Steve's wife Janna and children volunteers for their help with the dinner].

Dave McShaffery explained that the original OOS Web page is not functioning because the college hired a vendor that is now maintaining the college Web pages and Dave cannot access the OOS page anymore. [news and up-dates can be accessed on the Ohio Dragonfly Survey site at <https://u.osu.edu/ohiodonatasurvey/>]

**Next Year's Meeting?** *Shane Myers* discussed potential dates for the 2018 meeting, would confirm as soon as possible and communicate the date to the members. Location to be in the Findlay, Ohio area.

**Donation:** A motion was made by Dave McShaffery to donate \$300.00 to the GRCC as a thank-you for hosting the meeting and allow the members access to the facilities; motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ian Adams. **Approved** unanimously from floor. Bob Restifo to send check; questions about where to submit \$\$, discuss with Dave McShaffery

**Motion to Adjourned the Business Meeting** was made by Bob Restifo at ~10:00am, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Lemon. **Approved unanimously.** The meeting was officially adjourned at ~10:00am; membership mingled - exited to surrounding areas and field trips.

**2017 Small Grants:** The OOS Small grants program had been set up about 5 years ago to offer grants up to \$500 for anyone working on surveying, research or conservation of Odonata in Ohio. Application instructions have been listed in our newsletter and mentioned at annual meetings. None submitted for 2017. Not sure why, nobody wanted any \$\$ from the society? *Puzzling??*

Meeting notes compiled by Steve Chordas III & Bob Restifo.

**- - End minutes for 2017 meeting - -**



# Calendar of “some” Upcoming Meetings / Events:

by editor Steve W. Chordas III + MaLisa Spring

# DRAGONFLY BLOGS ! + +

From MaLisa Spring

**Ohio State Museum of BioDiversity Open House** <https://mbd.osu.edu/open-house>  
**Saturday 7-April-2018, at 1735 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio.**  
**Open to the public 10:00am-4:00pm- free of charge.**

**Dragonfly Hike at Brukner Nature Center** <http://www.bruknernaturecenter.com/>  
**30 May 2018, 2:00PM (Troy, Ohio)** Join Jim Lemon and BNC staff on the trails along Stillwater River = early season Odonates !

**Odo-Blitz (& Intro Dragonfly talk) Gorman Nature Center (GNC)**  
**2 June 2018, 10:00am (Mansfield, Ohio).** MaLisa Spring will have a 30 minute introductory presentation on cool odonates found in Ohio, followed by a nature walk through the Gorman Nature Center. Brief break for lunch followed with trips to other locations in Richland county. GNC link = <http://www.gormannaturecenter.org/>

★ **ODO-CON-18 OHIO DRAGONFLY CONFERENCE + OOS Annual Meeting:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018. See page 2 of this issue for more specific details. **Open to all OOS members & the public - Registration fee \$5 is required and is space limited** - please register early. **See page 2**

**DSA 2018 (Dragonfly Society of the Americas)**  
15-19 July 2018, Finland, Minnesota USA. See link to DSA meeting on page 3 of this issue.

**Beaver Creek Wetlands Dragonfly Walk (Dayton Ohio)**  
**Saturday 21 July 2018, Open to the public 10:00am - free of charge.** Join Jim Lemon and others at Siebenthaler Fen to learn more about cool species of dragonflies, damselflies, and the other amazing flora and fauna of this 130 acre fen. Link = <http://www.beavercreekwetlands.org/maplocations-siebenthaler.html>

**Bugstravaganza.**  
**Saturday 4 August 2018, at Walnut Woods MetroPark, Columbus, Ohio.** Open to the public 10:00am-2:00pm- free of charge. For this year's event most things will be along the main pathway, easily visible to visitors, and the electric tram will run to bring people to and from the creeking station. **Great for kids!!**  
\* Walnut Woods MetroPark link = <http://www.metroparks.net/parks-and-trails/walnut-woods/>

**Bioblitz at Preservation Park (Delaware County, Ohio).**  
**Friday - Saturday 7-8 September 2018, Open to the public Noon-Noon.** <https://www.preservationparks.com/>

\*Additional events maintained on the OhioDragonflySurvey page here: <https://u.osu.edu/ohiodonatasurvey/2017/12/21/upcoming-events/>  
**Check it out - MANY are there - up through September, 2018.**  
Thanks to MaLisa Spring for maintaining / updating this page

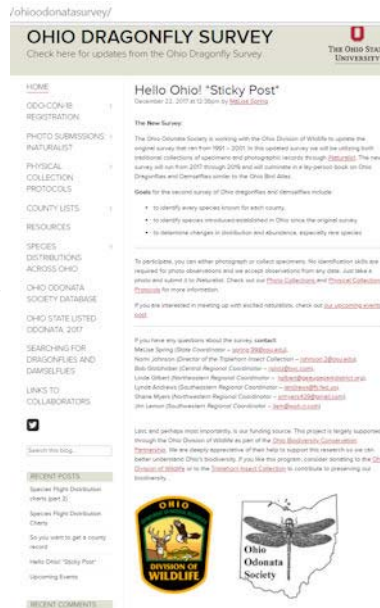
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## Current officers for the 2018 Calendar year :

by editor Steve W. Chordas III

**Note:** Officers serve on a calendar year 1-January to 31-December  
**President : Jim Lemon (jlem@woh.rr.com)**  
**Past President 2017 : Dave McShaffery (mshaffd@marietta.edu)**  
**Vice President : Shane Myers (rebo429@gmail.com)**  
**Member-at-Large : MaLisa Spring (malisa.spring@gmail.com)**  
**Secretary / Treasurer : Bob Restifo (rarestifo@yahoo.com)**

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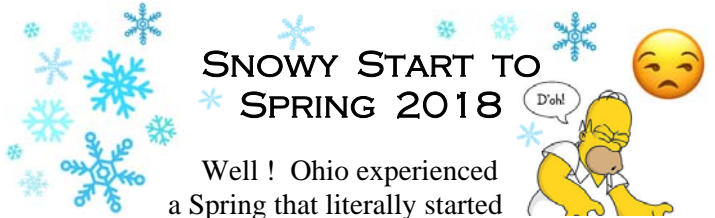
MaLisa Spring is the state coordinator for the current Ohio Dragonfly Survey. She maintains the Ohio Dragonfly Survey web page [link = <https://u.osu.edu/ohiodonatasurvey/>] (landing page pictured to the left - here ↻); which is filled with tons of information on the Odonata of Ohio. Please visit this page as it is a valuable resource filled with information (such as species distribution maps, county lists, photo submission & tips,

collection protocols, contacts, info on permits, landowner letters, etc etc etc !!!) that can be extremely useful to all of us interested in Odonata in Ohio.

Here are a few small extractions of some blog posts from this page. Great job MaLisa!

**From a post in 2017, to collect or not?** Topic of interest in many factions; MaLisa provides a very nice overview of many aspects of this topic with hints for collecting, photography only and/or both. Check out the full blog post here <https://u.osu.edu/ohiodonatasurvey/2017/07/27/to-collect-or-not-to-collect-that-is-the-question/>

Some highlights from this post : Why collect? The post outlines, very nicely and with specific examples, 6 aspects of why an actual specimen, that is properly curated and deposited into a museum for future study, can be of importance. Those 6 items are as follows: *You cannot confirm the identification in the field/with a camera; You cannot know what you lost if you do not know what you had; Future generations can see a species, even if none are left in the wild; Archival of genetic variability in a museum; Taxonomy is a work in progress; The adults are going to die at the end of the year.* At the same time, 6 aspects of why one would NOT collect specimens is provided. These are: *You do not have landowner permission; You do not have supplies; You do not have the time to properly label and archive them; It is a federally endangered species; You are ethically opposed to sacrificing another organism; You might harm local populations by over-harvesting.* MaLisa also includes a closing section on “the grey area”. This is an excellent work - check out the full text of this piece with nice photos and specific examples at the link above !



## SNOWY START TO SPRING 2018

Well ! Ohio experienced a Spring that literally started with snow! Wow. Early days of Spring in 2018 (which officially started on 20 March) brings snow along with it - Haaaa. No worries, longer days, warmer temperatures and loads of dragons and damsels darting about are in the near future! Get ready ☺



## 2018 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER !

From the OOS officers.

### ✓ OOS membership runs on a calendar year.

\* 2018 dues are "due" now - sounds weird, but true !

\* In the past, many members paid their dues at the annual meeting (which will be held 25-June in 2018). This year, 2018 membership is included in the registration fee for Odo-Con-18 so as long as you are a paid participant of Odo-Con-18, your 2018 OOS dues are also paid. However If you will not be attending Odo-Con-18, then you will need to remit dues as usual to OOS treasurer (Bob Restifo). The 2018 membership form is included at the end of this Dragonflied newsletter.

Thanks !!



## ADD YOUR EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR

★ If you have any announcements or event notification information you would like included in the "calendar of events section" of the Dragonflied, please send that information to the editor at [stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the 2018 (Volume 28, #2) newsletter. Thanks !!



## DRAGONFLIER BACK ISSUES ?

Any OOS member in good standing may request a back issue. Send request with specified volume/issue to Steve Chordas III ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)), if you wish a hard copy, please specify that and provide the snail mail address.

Available issues :

- VOLUME 27(1) : 2017
- VOLUME 26(1) & 26(2) : 2016
- VOLUME 25(1) : 2015
- VOLUME 24(1) & 24(2) : 2014
- VOLUME 23(1) : 2013
- VOLUME 22(1) : 2012
- VOLUME 21(1) & 21(2) : 2011
- VOLUME 20(1) & 20(2) : 2010

Many thanks.



**From a post in 2018, Want a county record?** Even some of the most common species in Ohio are not recorded from all 88 counties. You could be the one who adds the last piece of the puzzle and fill in that last county for an Ohio species!! What fun would that be? How do I know which species needs that 1 or 2 more records? The Ohio Dragonfly Survey web page has a wealth of up to date information on current distribution records for Ohio species.

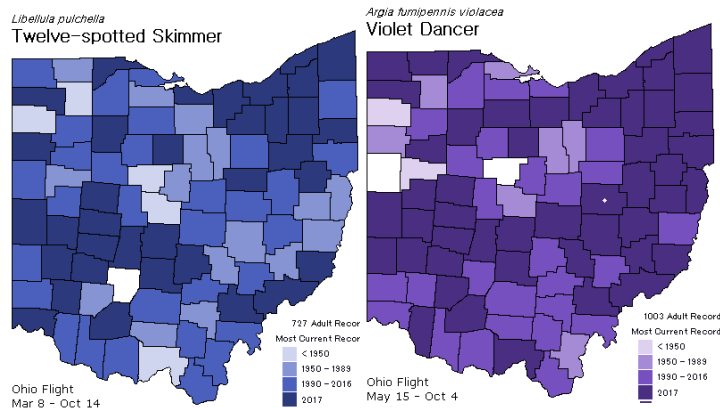
You may check there for the data, then take the tips posted with this blog to accomplish filling in missing data!

Check out the full blog post here

<https://u.osu.edu/ohioodonatasurvey/2018/01/31/so-you-want-to-get-a-county-record/>

Some highlights from this post : A new record? This contribution highlights 5 tips to perhaps encounter an unrecorded species for a county. These are: *It is a really common species that we expect to be all over the state, but has not yet been reported from every county (check out the county map - posted); Look in new habitats; Know your associated species; Time of day is key; Try searching for odonates in different seasons.* Any of these may help you encounter a species new to you personally or new to the county you are visiting. Give it a try !!

Further, the contribution has links to an extremely valuable resource = distribution maps for Ohio species (provided are maps for 167 species that are updated through 2017 - so "really" up to date !). Thanks to the efforts of several individuals (such as thanks to Jim Lemon & MaLisa Spring), any of us can access these maps and know where there are current missing records for each species in Ohio. Additionally, if you are looking for or want to see a certain species, this resource points you in the direction to visit and possibly encounter that species. Examples of what these maps look like are provided here (for *Libellula pulchella* & *Argia fumipennis violacea*). Both the scientific name and common name are given at the top with the map as well as the Ohio flight data at the lower left of the map. A PDF version is available on also. Excellent item!



You can access all these maps (in 2 formats) via links provided on the page / near the bottom : annotated PDF of 2017 maps! (Downloadable and/or printable) & Species Distributions across Ohio.

[Link =<https://u.osu.edu/ohioodonatasurvey/files/2017/05/2017MapsPublisherCompiled-2cssuh6.pdf>]



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

From the editor, Steve W. Chordas III

Special Thanks to *Shane Meyers, MaLisa Spring, Bob Glotzhober, Bob Restifo, Janna Thompson-Chordas* 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 Second Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

*\* WE CURRENTLY HAVE 1 ODONATA IN EVERYDAY LIFE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER*

*- Many Thanks !! And keep them coming !*



 Have a great   
Spring / Summer 2018!



**CONSIDER SUBMITTING :**  
**2018 OOS SMALL GRANT APPLICATION**

From the editor, Steve W. Chordas III

See page 2 of this newsletter for more specific details of the OOS Small Grant program. If you wish to apply in 2018, contact editor Steve Chordas at ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) or by snail mail at 1063 West Second Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212 and an application will be sent to you.



*\* EDITOR WILL GLADLY PROVIDE THE SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FORM DIRECTLY TO YOU.*

*- Many Thanks !! Apply in 2018 !*



**OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2018 DUES STATEMENT**

Regular Membership (1 year) = \$ 5.00  
Membership runs from 1-January to 31-December 2018  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_


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)

Check here if you would like a receipt sent for your paid dues (unchecked = no receipt needed).

 **Reminder :** if you are a paid participant of Odo-Con-18, OOS membership Is included in registration and thus you do not need to remit 2018 dues.

**Bob Restifo**  
**Treasurer : Ohio Odonata Society**  
**339 Whispering Pines Court**  
**Worthington, Ohio 43085**

