



DRAGONFLY POND WATCH

Become a Pond Watch monitor and help increase our understanding of dragonfly migration!

Dragonfly Pond Watch is a volunteer-based program of the **Migratory Dragonfly Partnership** (MDP) to investigate the annual movements of two major migratory dragonfly species in North America: **Common Green Darner** (*Anax junius*) and **Black Saddlebags** (*Tramea lacerata*). No prior experience with dragonflies is needed to participate!



By visiting the same wetland or pond site on a regular basis, participants will be able to note the arrival of migrant dragonflies moving south in the fall or north in the spring, as well as to record when the first resident adults of these species emerge in the spring.

Why monitor ponds?

Collecting seasonal information at local ponds will increase our knowledge of the timing and location of dragonfly migration across North America, and expand our understanding of the relationship between migrant and resident populations within the same species.

Who can participate?

Anyone with regular access to a large pond or wetland who has an interest in dragonflies and would like to contribute to our growing knowledge of dragonfly migration in North America.

If you are new to dragonflies, recognizing these two species is easy to learn! Visit the photo gallery at www.odonatacentral.org (**OdonataCentral**) to see an array of photos of **Common Green Darner** and **Black Saddlebags**.

How can I get involved?

Please visit the Pond Watch homepage for information on how to register a pond of your choice and for monitoring protocol instructions. For more information on **Migratory Dragonfly Partnership** projects, please visit www.xerces.org/dragonfly-migration/.

We will provide regular feedback and reports so you can see how you are making a difference!



MDP PROJECTS

Find out more about other MDP initiatives, including dragonfly short courses, migration monitoring, and stable isotope analysis, at www.xerces.org/dragonfly-migration/projects/.

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