

Affpuddle & Turners Puddle Parish Dragonfly List

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes	Years	Total
Beautiful Demoiselle	Calopteryx virgo	An infrequent wanderer but expanding in numbers. There was a burst of records in 2024	2020 - 2024	1
Banded Demoiselle	Calopteryx splendens	Breeds mainly on the River Piddle. This species wanders widely, into gardens and even as far from water as Piddle Wood.	1982 - 2024	1
Emerald Damselfly	Lestes sponsa	Local on heathland pools but easily overlooked	1982 - 2024	1
White-legged Damselfly	Platycnemis pennipes	A single, unsubstantiated report from Pallington is unlikely as it is not known to breed on the River Frome. Not included in the parish total.		
Large Red Damselfly	Pyrrhosoma nymphula	Widespread & frequent - common in gardens. Usually the earliest dragonfly to emerge each year.	1982 - 2024	1
Small Red Damselfly	Ceriagrion tenellum	Local on the heaths. Usually not the "red damselfly" seen in gardens (although a colony once bred on a Briantspuddle garden pond)	1982 - 2024	1
Azure Damselfly	Coenagrion puella	The commonest blue damselfly on garden ponds.	1982 - 2024	1
Common Blue Damselfly	Enallagma cyathigerum	Can be abundant on larger heathland pools but usually much less frequent than Azure Damselfly on garden ponds. Records of this species at garden ponds need checking, especially if Azure Damselfly isn't recorded.	1982 - 2024	1
Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly	Ischnura pumilio	Very scarce & local. All records need photographic support. There have been no records since 2007 and it may be extinct in the parish.	1998 - 2007	1
Blue-tailed Damselfly	Ischnura elegans	Widespread & frequent - common in gardens.	1994 - 2024	1
Red-eyed Damselfly	Erythromma najas	Very local; breeding at Pallington in recent years.		1
Small Red-eyed Damselfly	Erythromma viridulum	Very local; breeding at Pallington in recent years.		1
Hairy Dragonfly	Brachytron pratense	Expanding locally: since its first record at Oakers Bog in 2020 it has now been recorded at three sites.	2020 - 2024	1
Common Hawker	Aeshna juncea	Despite its name, a rare and declining parish species. At boggy heathland pools, it has bred at one parish site.	1982 - 2021	1
Migrant Hawker	Aeshna mixta	Widespread but infrequent, probably under-recorded	2003 - 2024	1
Southern Hawker	Aeshna cyanea	Widespread & frequent, especially at garden ponds	1982 - 2024	1
Brown Hawker	Aeshna grandis	Infrequent, mainly larger waterbodies & along River Piddle	2019 - 2024	1
Norfolk Hawker	Aeshna isosceles	Recently expanding; a vagrant at Pallington.		1
Emperor Dragonfly	Anax imperator	Widespread, occasional on garden ponds. Usually singly	1994 - 2024	1
Vagrant Emperor	Anax ephippiger	One seen at Sares Wood in April 2023 - the only record.	2023 -	1
Lesser Emperor	Anax parthenope	Breeds at a site 3km SW of the parish; none reported so far but a possible colonist in the future. Not on total.		
Golden-ringed Dragonfly	Cordulegaster boltonii	Breeds on small rivulets in the bogs. Adults wander widely and can turn up anywhere, even in gardens.	1998 - 2024	1
Downy Emerald	Cordulia aenea	Scarce. Recorded at six sites and probably breeding at two of these. Prefers tree-lined heathland pools.	2020 - 2024	1
Broad-bodied Chaser	Libellula depressa	Widespread & frequent - common in gardens.	1994 - 2024	1
Scarce Chaser	Libellula fulva	Nearest breeding sites are on the River Frome, some of these may be on the parish boundary. Immature adults are great wanderers so turn up infrequently, well away from the river.	2023 - 2024	1
Four-spotted Chaser	Libellula quadrimaculata	Frequent on heathland pools. Not usually recorded in gardens but has bred in one Briantspuddle garden.	1987 - 2024	1
Black-tailed Skimmer	Orthetrum cancellatum	Widespread but usually scarce: an early succession species that disappears as pools become densely vegetated. Only as a rare wanderer in gardens.	1998 - 2024	1
Keeled Skimmer	Orthetrum coerulescens	Common on heathland pools, bogs and rivulets. Only as a rare wanderer in gardens.	1982 - 2024	1
Black Darter	Sympetrum danae	The classic heathland bog species. Generally not recorded in gardens.	1982 - 2024	1
Ruddy Darter	Sympetrum sanguineum	Very local, preferring well-vegetated pools. Has bred at a garden pond in Briantspuddle but generally scarce in gardens.	2002 - 2024	1
Common Darter	Sympetrum striolatum	Widespread & abundant - common in gardens.	1982 - 2024	1

Total species recorded from parish 29