

APPENDIX IX:

Books, Materials, and Organizations

Books - Field Guides

Nikula, B., J. L. Loose, and M. R. Burne. 2003. *A Field Guide to the Dragonflies and damselflies of Massachusetts*. Available from MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, 1 Rabbitt Hill Rd., Westborough, MA, 01581 or at www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/nhpubs.htm. Cost is just \$20. This is the single best field guide for New York State because it has both dragonflies and damselflies. Every one of the 166 species found in MA is either found in NY or (in a few cases) may be expected to occur in NY.

Lam, E. 2004. *Damselflies of the Northeast: a guide to the species of eastern Canada and the northeastern United States*. Biodiversity Books. Forest Hills, NY. Orders should be sent to Biodiversity Books, P.O. Box 353, Eastchester, NY 10709. Make checks payable to Biodiversity Books. \$20 plus \$2 for shipping and handling, but with a 20% discount if you state that you are ordering the book to participate in the NY Dragonfly and Damselfly Survey. The artwork in this field guide is astounding. Range maps are based on the county lists on www.odonatacentral.com. All damselflies that occur in NY (including some not yet recorded here) are in this excellent guide. But this guide is just damselflies, no dragonflies.

Mead, K. 2003. *Dragonflies of the North Woods*. Kollath-Stensaas Publishers. \$18.95. Available at www.dragonfliesofthenorthwoods.com. This is another excellent guide, but in contrast to Ed Lam's book, this guide is just dragonflies, no damselflies. Nearly all of the species in this guide also occur in NY, and it includes a number of midwestern species that we expect may occur in western NY. It also includes some species found in NY that are not included in the MA guide.

DuBois, B. 2005. *Damselflies of the North Woods*. Kollath-Stensaas Publishers. \$18.95. Available at www.damselfliesofthenorthwoods.com. This is similar to Mead's dragonfly book in format but contains damselfly species only. Similarly, it was written for the midwestern observer but will be helpful for New York odonate enthusiasts as many species also occur here.

Dunkle, S. W. 2000. *Dragonflies through Binoculars*. Oxford University Press. This is the only existing field guide that covers all North American species, so if you plan to look at dragonflies and damselflies in many parts of the country, it is almost indispensable (although there are other regional guides available now as well). Range maps are included. However, the small size of the excellent photographs reduces their value for the identification of many species.

Materials

BioQuip Products, Inc. (the best source for nets and other supplies, including glassine envelopes for the field)
2321 E. Gladwick Street
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220
310-667-8800
Fax 310-667-8808

International Odonata Research Institute (the source for “museum- ready” clear envelopes for specimens, also a good source for some of the books listed below)
PO Box 147100
Gainesville, FL 32614-7100

Glassine Envelopes

Available from BioQuip.

Item number 1131B for small envelopes for damselflies (\$3.00 for a box of 100)

Item number 1131D for 3-1/8 x 5-1/16 envelopes for dragonflies (\$4.20 for a box of 100)

NOTE: Similar, suitable envelopes are also available at post offices as they are sold for stamp collectors.

Clear Envelopes for “museum ready” specimens

Available from International Odonata Research Institute:

www.iodonata.net

Item E990401 for small envelopes as inserts for damselflies (\$.07 per envelope for 1-199 envelopes with significantly lower prices for larger quantities)

Item E9311001 for larger envelopes for all species (\$.06 per envelope for 1-199 envelopes with significantly lower prices for larger quantities)

Books - Manuals

Needham, J. G., M. J. Westfall, and M. L. May. 2000. *Dragonflies of North America*. Scientific Publishers, Gainesville, FL. 939 pp.

Westfall, M. J. and M. L. May. 2006. *Damselflies of North America*. Scientific Publishers, Gainesville, FL. 502 pp.

The two above-mentioned books are quite expensive but are indispensable for making final species determinations for some species, including the females of many species.

Walker, E. M. 1958. *The Odonata of Canada and Alaska*. University of Toronto Press. This is a three volume set that covers all of the odonate families for species of Canada and Alaska. Like the above Manuals, these books are extremely useful for making some final species determinations. The original volumes are long out of print, but the

University of Toronto Press Back In Print Service has recently republished them as excellent facsimiles. They are also expensive but well worth having.

Glotzhober, R. C. and D. McShaffrey. 2002. *The Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ohio*. Bulletin of the Ohio Biological Survey. Volume 14, Number 2. 364 pp.

For many people that want to delve deeper into the identification of difficult species (and in many cases, females of many species), this book is a less expensive alternative to the two North American Manuals and the Walker volumes. Although not all NY species are found in Ohio, the majority of our species are, and this book contains keys and diagnostic illustrations that will facilitate species identifications.

Organizations

The three principal membership organizations for the study of dragonflies and damselflies are as follows:

Dragonfly Society of the Americas c/o, Jerrell Daigle, 2067 Little River Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32311. Membership dues are \$20. The quarterly publication of the DSA is Argia. DSA also publishes the Bulletin of American Odonatology for a separate subscription of \$20. The DSA hosts regional field meetings each year as well as an annual meeting.

International Odonatological Foundation, Societas Internationalis Odonatologica. Website accessed through: www.iodonata.net. Publication is Odonatologica.

Worldwide Dragonfly Association. Website: powell.colgate.edu/wda/dragonfly.htm. Publications are Agrion and the International Journal of Odonatology.

There are also additional state and regional organizations and “list serves” for people interested in studying and observing dragonflies.