

Dragonfly



Picture It!

Check out these pictures of dragonflies and their habitat!



Images by Sarah Rayner

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What's the gist?

- Dragonflies don't sting and generally don't bite people.
- They have been around for 300 million years.
- Prehistoric dragonflies were much larger and could have a wingspan of 2 ½ feet!
- When first hatched, the larva or nymphs live in the water for around a year.
- Once they leave the water and begin to fly, they only live for around a month.
- People in Indonesia like to eat them for a snack.
- Having a dragonfly land on your head is considered good luck.
- They are not really related to common flies.
- Groups of dragonflies are called swarms.
- Watching dragonflies, similar to bird watching, is called oding which comes from the order classification odonata.
- Predators that eat dragonflies include fish, ducks, birds, and water beetles.
- They need to warm up in the sun during the morning before taking off and flying for most of the day.

Learning Links

Take a look at these materials to further your experience!

Read a story, Listen to a story, Take a tour here: <https://bit.ly/30v3yAQ>

Dragonflies are amazing insects! They are powerful fliers and great eating machines! Dragonflies can hover like a helicopter and even fly backwards. Follow this link to learn more about dragonflies: <https://www.ducksters.com/animals/dragonfly.php>

This video is informative and details the life cycle of dragonflies: Sky Hunters, The World of the of the Dragonfly-The Secrets of Nature: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knIXTU1R_rE

Are you seeing dragonflies in your yard? Scientists need your help to better understand dragonfly migration in North America. You can find out more about the Migratory Dragonflies Partnership Citizen Science Initiatives at: <http://www.migratorydragonflypartnership.org/index/documentation>

Activity Corner

Check out these awesome activities for an enriching learning experience!

For fun dragonfly crafts go to:

https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=Dragon%20fly%20craft&rs=srs&b_id=BHUV_pXgOPATAAAAAAAAAACY5PQHSSf19PخالH0yqzN-QqVYN6p6EQMCiRZaldOCSi1lBJyqx7om1y2QMuAm9ZA&source_id=BF2MqNji

Dragonfly color sheets can be downloaded from pinterest: [https://www.google.com/search?](https://www.google.com/search?q=printable+dragonfly+coloring+page+pintrests&tbm=isch&ved=2ahUKEwjm__69osLoAhUJYK0KHafC7wQ2-cCegQIABAA&oq=printable+dragonfly+coloring+page+pintrests&gs_lcp=CgNpbWcQAzoECAAQHlDz0wRYh-0EYOfuBGgAcAB4AIABRIgB2wSSAQIxMJgBAKABAaoBC2d3cy13aXotaW1n&sclient=img&ei=b--BXqaMIYnAtQWhv6zgCw&bih=906&biw=1800&hl=en#imgrc=VWNwmpfzADazPM)

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