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Which of these dragonflies and damselflies can you spot?

There's lots of wildlife at National Trust places but we've suggested a few locations where these species are more common.



Blue tailed damselfly

The males always have a blue spot on the 'tail' and blue eyes. They can occur in large numbers along with other damselflies.

Suggested locations: All



Common blue damselfly

Is blue and black and can be found hovering gently over the surface of most waters.

Suggested locations: Calke Abbey, Croome, Dudmaston, Hardwick, Kedleston Hall, Lyveden

Brown hawker dragonfly

A common dragonfly seen near canals and lakes, which is easily recognised by its chocolate brown body with tiny yellow and blue markings. It has distinctive transparent brown wings.

Suggested locations: Berrington Hall, Calke Abbey, Farnborough Hall, Hardwick, Kedleston Hall



Large red damselfly

Is deep red with black legs and a gold band on its tail.

Suggested locations: All



Banded demoiselle dragonfly

Has exquisite coloured wings – distinctive blue bands on the male and pale green on the female. It can be found along riverbanks.

Suggested locations: Attingham Park, Belton House, Charlecote Park, The Weir Garden



Common darter dragonfly

A summer and autumn species that can be spotted well into November. Males are bright red while the females and immature adults are golden-brown.

Suggested locations: Most places with pools



Four spotted chaser dragonfly

Active dragonflies which can be seen around ponds, lakes and in woods. When perched you may be able to get close for a good look and easily see the four spots on the wings.

Suggested locations: Belton House, Calke Abbey, Croome, Dudmaston, Ilam Park, Longshaw, Lyveden

Broad bodied chaser dragonfly

Has a short, flattened body. The male is powdery, skyblue and the female is greeny-brown.

Suggested locations: Belton House, Calke Abbey, Croome, Dudmaston, Kedleston Hall, Lyveden



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