

AETERNUS POND INSECT GUIDE

Exploring the Insects and Their Habitats
of Aeternus Pond and the Real World
That Inspire Them



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Dragonfly

Scientific Name: *Order Odonata*



Life at the Pond

Dragonflies spend much of their early lives underwater as nymphs, hiding among aquatic plants and hunting mosquito larvae, other insects, small crustaceans, and other tiny pond animals. As adults, they become fast, agile aerial hunters, capturing mosquitoes, midges, flies, and other insects around the pond. Their excellent eyesight and powerful wings make them remarkably effective predators both below and above the water.

Quick Facts

- Two pairs of strong, transparent wings
- Can fly forward and backward, hover, and make rapid turns
- Spend much of their early lives underwater as nymphs
- Large compound eyes provide an exceptionally wide field of vision
- Dragonflies have close relatives called damselflies. Damselflies are usually smaller and more slender, and most fold their wings together above their bodies when resting.

Ecosystem Job

Predator & Prey

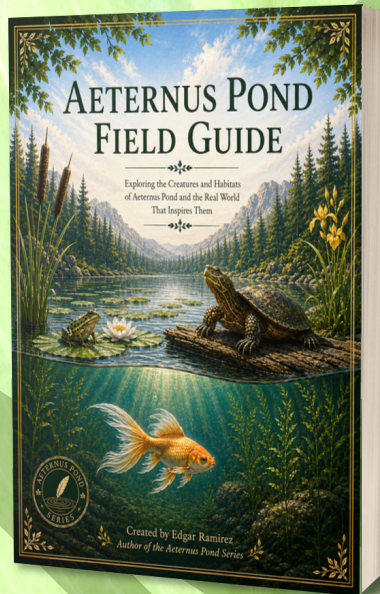
Dragonflies help control populations of mosquitoes, midges, and other insects. Their aquatic nymphs provide food for fish, frogs, and other pond animals, while adult dragonflies are eaten by birds and other predators. This makes them an important connection between the pond's underwater and above-water food webs.

Continue the Adventure...

Every insect you met in this field guide is part of a much larger world waiting to be discovered.

Continue exploring with the **Aeternus Pond Field Guide**, where you'll meet many of the creatures that call the pond home and learn about the real-world wildlife that inspired them.

From fish and frogs to turtles, birds, mammals, and other fascinating pond residents, the *Aeternus Pond Field Guide* invites young naturalists to discover their habitats, behaviors, diets, surprising facts, and the lessons nature has to share.



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About the Artwork

The watercolor illustrations featured throughout the Aeternus Pond Series were created using generative AI as an artistic medium from original concepts, creative direction, and careful refinement by author Edgar Ramirez. AI served as a tool in the creative process, while the vision, storytelling, character design, and final artistic direction remained the author's own.

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