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ABSTRACT

The checklist includes all 471 species of North American Odonata (Canada and the continental United States) considered valid at this time. For each species the original citation, English name, type locality, etymology of both scientific and English names, and approximate distribution are given. Literature citations for original descriptions of all species are given in the appended list of references.

Introduction

We publish this as the most comprehensive checklist of all of the North American Odonata. Muttkowski (1910) and Needham and Heywood (1929) are long out of date. The Anisoptera and Zygoptera were covered by Needham, Westfall, and May (2014) and Westfall and May (2006), respectively. Davies and Tobin (1984, 1985) listed the world odonate fauna but did not include type localities or details of distribution. This paper includes that information and, in addition, English names and etymologies for scientific names. Our genus and species names and their citations are essentially but not completely identical to those of Garrison (1991), Bridges (1993), and Steinmann (1997a, 1997b).

The 471 species of Odonata that are known to occur in North America north of Mexico through 2023 are listed below. The list includes *Crocothemis servilia*, accidentally introduced to Florida from Asia; it is surprising that so few species of Odonata have extended their ranges by human introductions. Also included is an apparently undescribed *Orthemis* sp. of Florida and the Greater Antilles provisionally referred to as "Antillean Skimmer."

A taxonomic breakdown of the North American odonate fauna is given in Table l. Note that the family Protoneuridae is gone; it has been lumped into the Coenagrionidae. The order of damselfly families has also changed a bit, the result of a new zygopteran phylogeny by Dijkstra et al. (2014). Twenty-nine percent of the species are damselflies (Zygoptera). The three dominant families—Coenagrionidae, Gomphidae, and Libellulidae—each comprise 22–25% of the fauna, but the Libellulidae has twice the number of genera compared with either of the others.

The rate of description of new species had steadily decreased through the last century through the 1970s (Fig. 1); however, there was a resurgence in alpha taxonomy of North American dragonflies late in the 20th Century, with 29 species described since 1981. A majority of recently described species are in the Gomphidae, with its many species of restricted range and flight season, but other families are represented as well (Table 2). The new techniques of molecular systematics, increasingly applied to Odonata, are ushering in a greater understanding of both alpha taxonomy and higher systematics and phylogeny.

Table 1. The families of North American Odonata, with number of species.

Family	Genera	Species
Lestidae	2	19
Platystictidae	1	1
Calopterygidae	2	9
Coenagrionidae	16	111
ZYGOPTERA	21	140
Petaluridae	2	2
Aeshnidae	13	44
Gomphidae	14	103
Cordulegastridae	1	10
Macromiidae	2	9
Corduliidae	7	50
Libellulidae	29	113
Anisoptera	68	331
Total	90	471

Historically, odonates have been recognized by their scientific (Latin or Greek) names, entirely adequate for professional odonatologists. However, more than three decades ago we felt the time was at hand for standardized English names, primarily to encourage a greater interest in the group by lay persons when dragonfly field guides were published. English names have also long been required for the designation of species of special conservation concern. Thus, we coined English names for all the species of North American Odonata in 1987 (unpublished). Subsequent revisions led to a list that was then submitted to the membership of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas (DSA) in 1996. For some species members submitted alternate names, which were then put to a vote.

The list given herein is a result of that final action and was published by the society as a supplement to *Argia* 8(2), 1996. Some of these names have been changed by committee action in the ensuing years. We also furnish English names for genera, which were not included in that published list. All such matters of taxonomy, inclusion in the North American fauna, and common name choices are now the purview of the Checklist Committee of the DSA.

Table 2. North American Odonata described from 1981–2023.

Family	No. Species	
Lestidae	0	
Calopterygidae	1	
Coenagrionidae	7	
Petaluridae	0	
Aeshnidae	1	
Gomphidae	15	
Cordulegastridae	3	
Corduliidae	1	
Libellulidae	1	

We have included the derivation of these names to make them perhaps easier to learn. For the same reason, we have included the etymology for the scientific names, although the significance of the choice of the name by the original author remains obscure in many cases.

The original list has been modified by not only additions to the fauna but also taxonomic changes and a few changes in existing English names. These changes were made by the Common Names Committee and then the Checklist Committee in the news journal of the DSA, *ARGIA*.

Each species entry in the checklist is a paragraph including the following lines:

1) Scientific name, author of the original description, date of publication, the page on which the description begins, and English name. The author, year, and page serve as an abbreviated literature reference. As the rules of zoological nomenclature state that the species name must agree in gen-

der with the genus name, several species names have been changed since the original description. Thus, for example, *Cordulegaster erroneus* becomes *C. erronea*.

- 2) The name used in the original description, exactly as it was proposed, is given in the line below the species name. If the species was originally described in a different genus, the author's name in the first line is enclosed in parentheses. Additional information added by us is given in brackets.
- 3) (TL). The type locality is given with the country, state or province, county, and nearest town or aquatic habitat, in that sequence. Where a holotype was designated or only one locality was given, we have added information in brackets as necessary to more precisely define the type locality. Where a series of specimens were described without designation of a holotype, we have listed the localities for those specimens in alphabetical order but have not usually added further data.
- 4) (Sci Name). The derivation of the scientific name is given, with the simple translation of the name and its allusion if not clear from the translation. No derivations were given by the authors for the majority of North American species, and for these species we have furnished translations and allusions that seem most reasonable to us. However, some defy understanding. In particular, Hermann Hagen applied unusual names to many of his species, and to our knowledge his allusions were never revealed; some of them seem to indicate a rather peculiar mindset. Note that names that indicate some sort of behavior or habitat may be misleading, as many of the taxonomists of early days never saw their species in nature.

In 2019, Heinrich Fliedner and Ian Endersby published *The Scientific Names of North American Dragonflies* (Fliedner &

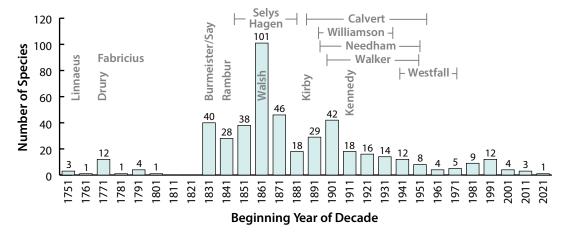


Figure 1. North American Odonata described by decade, including prominent past authors indicating the decade or approximate time span during which they described North American species.

Endersby 2019), and many of our original derivations have been updated from that publication. Dr. Fliedner had provided some derivations in earlier editions.

- 5) (Eng Name). The derivation of our English names is given. We have also included scientific- and English-name derivations under the generic entries, as well as generotype of each genus.
- 6) (Range). A broad characterization of the geographic range of each species is given, typically from the northern extent of the range, from west to east, to the southern extent, from west to east. We have used states and provinces to denote ranges rather than physiographic or biogeographic regions. This statement is based primarily on published records, those in the United States and Canada from a series of dot maps by T. W. Donnelly (2004a, b, c) and the maps subsequently maintained by OdonataCentral (http://www.odonatacentral.org/) to the present, constantly updated by new records. Two field guides show species ranges for the West and East (Paulson 2009, 2011), but with the great amount of amateur odonate enthusiasts at present, those ranges are going out of date as the distribution of species is

getting better known over time, and many of those records are published in OdonataCentral. The extent of the range outside the boundaries of the checklist is also given, by state in Mexico and by country elsewhere; some of this information has not been published. Range limits do not include isolated records well outside the primary range, but these are mentioned in most cases.

A much sharper delineation of range is available in the maps presented in OdonataCentral.org and iNaturalist.org

References. Following each entry in the annotated references is a list of the genera and species described in that paper, in alphabetical order. Because of these lists, we have not distinguished papers by the same author published in the same year in the checklist citations. In cases in which an author different from that of the paper actually described the species, we have included that author's name with the species.

Appendix. Changes to the Checklist (additions, removals, taxonomic revisions, name changes) are listed for each edition in comparison to the previous edition.

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CHECKLIST OF NORTH AMERICAN ODONATA

SUBORDER ZYGOPTERA

LESTIDAE—Spreadwings

Archilestes Selys—Stream Spreadwings

Archilestes Selys, 1862: 294

Sci Name: first or chief + Lestes, may refer to primitive position in family or large size

Eng Name: rest with outspread wings, most species at streams

Generotype: Lestes grandis Rambur, 1842

Archilestes californicus McLachlan—California Spreadwing

Archilestes californica McLachlan, 1895: 20

TL: California

Sci & Eng Names: from type locality and largest segment of range

Range: British Columbia and Idaho south to Baja California Sur and Chihuahua, east to Texas

Archilestes grandis (Rambur)—Great Spreadwing

Lestes grandis Rambur, 1842: 244

TL: Colombia

Sci Name: grand or great, refers to large size

Eng Name: largest North American spreadwing

Range: California, Montana, Minnesota, Ontario and Connecticut south to Venezuela, Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia

Lestes Leach—Pond Spreadwings

Lestes Leach, 1815: 137

Sci Name: a robber, perhaps referring to predatory nature (but all odonates are predators)

Eng Name: rest with outspread wings, most species at ponds

Generotype: Lestes nympha Stevens, 1835 (= Lestes sponsa [Hansemann], 1823)

Lestes alacer Hagen—Plateau Spreadwing

Lestes alacer Hagen, 1861: 67

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: active, lively, quick, etc., allusion unknown

Eng Name: occurs mostly in upland areas

Range: Utah, Colorado and Arkansas south to Costa Rica

Lestes australis Walker—Southern Spreadwing

Lestes disjunctus australis Walker, 1952

TL: Vaneman Swamp, Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana

Sci & Eng Names: southern, referring to distribution south of L. disjunctus

Range: Wyoming, Minnesota, Ontario and Connecticut south to New Mexico, Texas and Florida

Lestes congener Hagen—Spotted Spreadwing

Lestes congener Hagen, 1861: 67

Type Series: New York; Texas

Sci Name: of same kind, probably refers to similarity to L. stultus described previously

Eng Name: dark spots on underside of thorax

Range: British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Nebraska, Alabama, and North Carolina

Lestes disjunctus Selys—Northern Spreadwing

Lestes disjuncta Selys, 1862: 302

Type Series: Nova Scotia; Maine; Illinois, Chicago

Sci Name: disjunct, probably because it was considered a North American representative of L. sponsa

Eng Name: distinguishes species from southern relative Lestes australis

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Kansas, West Virginia and New Jersey

Lestes dryas Kirby—Emerald Spreadwing

Lestes dryas Kirby, 1890: 160

TL: Europe

Sci Name: a wood nymph, perhaps because it was a replacement name for L. nympha

Eng Name: thoracic dorsum emerald green

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kentucky and Maryland; also widespread in temperate Eurasia

Lestes eurinus Say—Amber-winged Spreadwing

Lestes eurinus Say, 1840: 36

TL: Massachusetts, Milton

Sci Name: eastern, perhaps because it was the easternmost of several species of *Lestes* described in the same paper

Eng Name: wings yellow-tinted

Range: Minnesota, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Oklahoma, Tennessee and South Carolina

Lestes forcipatus Rambur—Sweetflag Spreadwing

Lestes forcipata Rambur, 1842: 246

TL: Amerique septentrionale [North America]

Sci Name: bearing forceps, referring to male cerci

Eng Name: often associated with sweetflag plants (Acorus)

Range: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Oregon, Colorado, Oklahoma, Alabama and North Carolina

Lestes forficula Rambur—Rainpool Spreadwing

Lestes forficula Rambur, 1842: 247

TL: not indicated

Sci Name: little scissors, probably referring to male paraprocts

Eng Name: typically occurs at tiny ponds in rainy season

Range: Texas, Mississippi and Florida south to Brazil; also West Indies

Lestes inaequalis Walsh—Elegant Spreadwing

Lestes inaequalis Walsh, 1862: 385

TL: Illinois

Sci Name: uneven, referring to male paraprocts longer than cerci

Eng Name: refers to impressive size and appearance

Range: Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Lestes rectangularis Say—Slender Spreadwing

Lestes rectangularis Say, 1840: 34

Type Series: Indiana; Massachusetts

Sci Name: rectangular, perhaps referring to shape of male cerci in lateral view

Eng Name: refers to relatively long abdomen

Range: Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to Colorado, Texas and Florida

Lestes sigma Calvert—Chalky Spreadwing

Lestes sigma Calvert, 1901: 49

TL: Mexico, Guerrero, Iguala

Sci Name: the Greek letter "S," referring to shape of male paraprocts

Eng Name: adults become extensively pruinose white Range: Arizona and Oklahoma south to Costa Rica

Lestes spumarius Hagen in Selys-Antillean Spreadwing

Lestes spumaria Hagen in Selys, 1862: 309

TL: Puerto Rico

Sci Name: foamy, apparently referring to interalar pruinosity

Eng Name: widespread in the Antilles

Range: Florida Keys, Bahamas and Greater Antilles

Lestes stultus Hagen—Black Spreadwing

Lestes stulta Hagen, 1861: 67

TL: California

Sci Name: foolish, perhaps referring to type's lacking its abdomen

Eng Name: darkest of North American *Lestes* Range: Southern Oregon and California

Lestes tenuatus Rambur—Blue-striped Spreadwing

Lestes tenuata Rambur, 1842: 245

TL: Martinique

Sci Name: slender, referring to slenderness of the species

Eng Name: refers to vivid blue thoracic stripes

Range: Texas, Florida and West Indies south to Ecuador and Suriname

Lestes unguiculatus Hagen—Lyre-tipped Spreadwing

Lestes unguiculata Hagen, 1861: 70

Type Series: Illinois, Chicago; New Jersey, Bergen Hill; New York; St. Louis; Wisconsin

Sci Name: small-clawed, perhaps referring to curved male paraprocts

Eng Name: male paraprocts lyre-shaped

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to California, Colorado, Texas, Tennessee

and Maryland

Lestes vidua Hagen—Carolina Spreadwing

Lestes vidua Hagen, 1861: 69

TL: [Louisiana], New Orleans

Sci Name: widow, perhaps referring to overall dark color

Eng Name: range centered around Carolinas Range: Alabama and Virginia south to Florida

Lestes vigilax Hagen in Selys—Swamp Spreadwing

Lestes vigilax Hagen in Selys, 1862: 306

TL: New Jersey

Sci Name: watchful, allusion unknown Eng Name: wooded swamps typical habitat

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Palaemnema Selys—Shadowdamsels

Palaemnema Selys, 1860: 434

Sci Name: old memory, alluding to his memory of his ancestors

Eng Name: adults inhabit dense shade Generotype: *Libellula paulina* Drury, 1773

Palaemnema domina Calvert—Desert Shadowdamsel

Palaemnema domina Calvert, 1903: 137 TL: Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico

Sci Name: she who rules, probably given in the tradition of honoring females in naming odonates

Eng Name: inhabits streams in arid country

Range: Arizona south to Nicaragua

CALOPTERYGIDAE—Broad-winged Damsels

Calopteryx Leach—Jewelwings

Calopteryx Leach, 1815: 137 Sci Name: beautiful wing

Eng Name: many species have iridescent wings Generotype: *Libellula virgo* Linnaeus, 1758

Calopteryx aequabilis Say—River Jewelwing

Calepteryx [sic] aequabilis Say, 1840: 33

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: equal, probably referring to the cerci being of almost equal in diameter for their entire length Eng Name: typically inhabits larger rivers than other members of genus

Range: British Columbia and Northwest Territories to Newfoundland, south to California, Colorado, Indiana and Virginia

Calopteryx amata Hagen—Superb Jewelwing

Calopteryx amata Hagen, 1889: 244

TL: New Hampshire, Dublin, near Thorndike Pond, 1300 ft. above sea level

Sci Name: beloved, perhaps referring to the beauty of the species (Calopteryx are "demoiselles" in French)

Eng Name: large size and bright coloration

Range: Quebec and Nova Scotia southwest to Tennessee and Georgia

Calopteryx angustipennis (Selys)—Appalachian Jewelwing

Sylphis angustipennis Selys, 1853: 9

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: narrow-winged

Eng Name: distribution virtually restricted to Appalachian chain Range: Kentucky and Pennsylvania south to Alabama and Georgia

Calopteryx dimidiata Burmeister—Sparkling Jewelwing

Calopteryx dimidiata Burmeister, 1839: 829

TL: Kentucky

Sci Name: divided, perhaps referring to partly black wings Eng Name: contrasting black wing tips sparkle in flight

Range: Kentucky and New Hampshire south to Texas and Florida

Calopteryx maculata (Palisot de Beauvois)—Ebony Jewelwing

Agrion maculatum Palisot de Beauvois, 1807: 85

TL: North America

Sci Name: spotted, referring to white pterostigma of female

Eng Name: wings entirely black

Range: Wyoming, Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Hetaerina Hagen in Selys—Rubyspots

Hetaerina Hagen in Selys, 1853: 30

Sci Name: companion or courtesan, carrying out tradition of giving female names to odonates; also perhaps referring to red arm bands of Greek courtesans

Eng Name: males of all species have red wing bases

Generotype: Libellula caja Drury, 1773

Hetaerina americana (Fabricius)—American Rubyspot

Agrion americanum Fabricius, 1798: 287

TL: North America

Sci Name: American, referring to type locality

Eng Name: most widespread North American species of genus

Range: Oregon, Montana, Minnesota and New Brunswick south to Honduras (needs confirmation)

and Florida

Hetaerina calverti Vega-Sánchez, Mendoza-Cuenca & González-Soriano—Cryptic Rubyspot

Hetaerina calverti Vega-Sánchez, Mendoza-Cuenca & González-Soriano, 2020: 489

TL: Mexico, Veracruz, tributary stream of Los Pescados River in Apazapam

Sci Name: after Philip P. Calvert, American odonatologist

Eng Name: confused with *H. americana* for over two centuries

Range: Texas to Honduras

Hetaerina titia (Drury)—Smoky Rubyspot

Libellula titia Drury, 1773: 83

Type Series: Texas; Mexico; Honduras

Sci Name: probably a female name from Roman antiquity

Eng Name: darkest species of genus, often with much black in wings

Range: Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ontario and Pennsylvania south through Texas to Panama and Flori-

da; old Arizona records probably incorrect

Hetaerina vulnerata Hagen in Selys—Canyon Rubyspot

Hetaerina vulnerata Hagen in Selys, 1853: 40

Type Series: Brazil; Colombia; Mexico

Sci Name: wounded, probably referring to blood-red wing spots in male

Eng Name: canyon streams typical habitat

Range: Nevada, Utah and New Mexico south to Honduras; old Texas record probably incorrect

COENAGRIONIDAE—Pond Damsels

Acanthagrion Selys—Wedgetails

Acanthagrion Selys, 1876: 304

Sci Name: spiny + Agrion, referring to an acute spine beneath segment 8 of female abdomen

Eng Name: end of male abdomen wedge-shaped in side view in most species

Generotype: Agrion gracile Rambur, 1842

Acanthagrion quadratum Selys-Mexican Wedgetail

Acanthagrion gracile, var. quadratum Selys, 1876: 309

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: square, referring to distinctive spot on first abdominal segment of male

Eng Name: primary distribution in Mexico

Range: Texas south to Nicaragua

Amphiagrion Selys—Red Damsels

Amphiagrion Selys, 1876: 284

Sci Name: from Amphion in Greek mythology and *Agrion* (a word for damselfly); named because the species *amphion* (now a synonym of *Ischnura verticalis*) was thought to be in this genus

Eng Name: males almost entirely red

Generotype: Agrion discolor Burmeister, 1839 (= Agrion saucium Burmeister, 1839)

Amphiagrion abbreviatum (Selys)—Western Red Damsel

Pyrrhosoma abbreviatum Selys, 1876: 1299

TL: California

Sci Name: short, from short abdomen

Eng Name: distribution primarily in western North America

Range: British Columbia and Saskatchewan, south to Baja California, New Mexico and Oklahoma; perhaps separate population in Minnesota and Wisconsin

Amphiagrion saucium (Burmeister)—Eastern Red Damsel

Agrion saucium Burmeister, 1839: 819

TL: South Carolina

Sci Name: wounded, referring to a blood-red line on the abdomen

Eng Name: restricted to eastern North America

Range: Michigan, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Mississippi and Georgia; still confusion about identity of Minnesota and Wisconsin populations

Apanisagrion Kennedy-Black-and-white Damsel

Apanisagrion Kennedy, 1920: 86

Sci Name: unlike Anisagrion, referring to differences from that genus

Eng Name: overall body color

Generotype: Nehalennia lais Selys, 1876

Apanisagrion lais (Selys)—Black-and-white Damsel

Nehalennia lais Selys, 1876: 990

Type Series: [Mexico, Morelos], Cuernavaca; [Mexico, Distrito Federal], Mexico

Sci Name: superficial similarity of male wingtip to calopterygid genus Lais (= Mnesarete)

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Arizona south to Nicaragua

Argia Rambur—Dancers

Argia Rambur, 1842: 254

Sci Name: no apparent meaning, but perhaps a choice of a name similar to Agrion, with which it was compared

Eng Name: from bouncy flight style

Generotype: Agrion fumipenne Burmeister, 1839

Argia agrioides Calvert—California Dancer

Argia agrioides (Selys MS) Calvert, 1895: 476

TL: Mexico, Baja California, Baja Purisima

Sci Name: allusion unknown, perhaps similar to Agrion, a damselfly genus at the time

Eng Name: large part of distribution in California

Range: Oregon and Idaho south to Baja California and Arizona

Argia alberta Kennedy—Paiute Dancer

Argia alberta Kennedy, 1918: 257

TL: California, [Inyo County], Owen's [= Owens] Valley, Laws

Sci Name: after Albert H. Kennedy, describer's father

Eng Name: after Paiute Indians of Great Basin

Range: Oregon, Montana, North Dakota and Iowa south to California, Sonora, Chihuahua and Texas; isolated population in Ohio

Argia anceps Garrison—Cerulean Dancer

Argia anceps Garrison, 1996: 33

TL: San Pedro, San José Prov., Costa Rica

Sci Name: two-headed or double, intended to indicate close relationships to the more southerly A. fissa

Eng Name: brilliant blue body color Range: Arizona south to Costa Rica

Argia apicalis (Say)—Blue-fronted Dancer

Agrion apicalis Say, 1840: 40

TL: United States

Sci Name: concerning the extreme end, from bright blue abdomen tip of male

Eng Name: front of thorax entirely blue

Range: Montana, Manitoba, Ontario and Vermont south to Nuevo León and Florida

Argia barretti Calvert—Comanche Dancer

Argia barretti Calvert, 1902: 87

TL: Mexico, Nuevo Leon, Linares

Sci Name: after O. W. Barrett, collector of holotype Eng Name: after Comanche Indians of southern plains

Range: Texas south to Puebla; vagrant to east-central New Mexico

Argia bipunctulata (Hagen)—Seepage Dancer

Agrion bipunctulatum Hagen, 1861: 90

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: marked with two small spots, referring to abdominal segment 2

Eng Name: occurs in boggy seeps

Range: Kansas, Ohio and Pennsylvania south to Texas and Florida

Argia carlcooki Daigle—Yaqui Dancer

Argia carlcooki Daigle, 1995: 467

TL: Mexico, Morelos, Tehuixtla, rte 6, Rio Amacuzac tributary SE of Balneario Los Palma

Sci Name: named after Carl Cook, American odonatologist

Eng Name: after Yaqui Indians of northern Mexico

Range: Arizona south to Oaxaca

Argia cuprea (Hagen)—Coppery Dancer

Agrion cupreum Hagen, 1861: 96

Type Series: Mexico, Cordova; Venezuela

Sci & Eng Names: coppery, referring to male's thoracic dorsum

Range: Central Texas south to Honduras

Argia emma Kennedy—Emma's Dancer

Argia emma Kennedy, 1915: 271

TL: Washington, Yakima County, Satus Creek

Sci & Eng Names: named after describer's mother, Emma Kennedy

Range: British Columbia and North Dakota south to California and Nebraska; isolated Iowa record

Argia extranea (Hagen)—Spine-tipped Dancer

Agrion extraneum Hagen, 1861: 92

TL: Mexico, [Tamaulipas], Tampico

Sci Name: strange or foreign, perhaps referring to occurrence just outside U.S.

Eng Name: paraprocts have a long, spinelike extension

Range: Arizona and New Mexico south to southern Mexico

Argia fumipennis (Burmeister)—Variable Dancer

Agrion fumipenne Burmeister, 1839: 819

TL: Kentucky

Sci Name: smoky-winged, referring to dark wing color of southern populations

Eng Name: marked geographic variation

Range: Arizona, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Puebla and Florida

Argia funebris Hagen—Springwater Dancer

Argia funebre Hagen, 1861: 92

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: of a funeral, allusion unknown

Eng Name: often occurs at springs

Range: Arizona, South Dakota and Wisconsin south to Honduras; isolated population in Alabama

Argia harknessi Calvert—Harkness's Dancer

Argia harknessi Calvert, 1899: 400

TL: Mexico

Sci & Eng names: after H. W. Harkness, past president of the California Academy of Sciences, sponsor of the expeditions on which this and many other species were collected

Range: Arizona south to Oaxaca

Argia hinei Kennedy—Lavender Dancer

Argia hinei Kennedy, 1918: 258

TL: California, Ventura County, Fillmore

Sci Name: after James S. Hine, American entomologist

Eng Name: pale bluish-violet coloration of males

Range: California, Utah and Texas south to Sinaloa and Coahuila

Argia immunda (Hagen)—Kiowa Dancer

Agrion immundum Hagen, 1861: 93

TL: Mexico, [Tamaulipas], Tampico

Sci Name: unclean, impure, allusion unknown but Hagen often used such names

Eng Name: after Kiowa Comanche Indians of southern plains

Range: California, Nevada and Oklahoma (isolated populations in Montana and South Dakota) south to Belize

Argia lacrimans (Hagen)—Sierra Madre Dancer

Agrion lacrimans Hagen, 1861: 95

TL: Mexico [Veracruz], Córdoba

Sci Name: shedding tears, perhaps referring to teardrop-shaped abdominal spots but also similar to other Hagen names implying sadness

Eng Name: widespread in Sierra Madre

Range: Arizona south to Oaxaca

Argia leonorae Garrison—Leonora's Dancer

Argia leonorae Garrison, 1994: 315

TL: Mexico, Nuevo León, Municipio de Garcia, Parque Turistico Nacataz

Sci & Eng Names: after Leonora K. Gloyd, American odonatologist

Range: New Mexico and Texas south to Nuevo León; isolated population in southern Oklahoma

Argia lugens (Hagen)—Sooty Dancer

Agrion lugens Hagen, 1861: 95

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: in mourning, perhaps referring to dark coloration but similar to other psychologically disturbing names by Hagen

Eng Name: males all blackish

Range: Oregon and Colorado south to Chiapas; isolated population in South Dakota

Argia moesta (Hagen)—Powdered Dancer

Agrion moestum Hagen, 1861: 94

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: sorrowful, allusion unknown but similar to other Hagen names implying sadness

Eng Name: mature males extensively covered with pruinosity

Range: California, Nevada, Montana, Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to Michoacan and Florida

Argia munda Calvert—Apache Dancer

Argia vivida var. munda (Hagen, MS) Calvert, 1902: 96

TL: Arizona

Sci Name: clean or neat, perhaps in apposition to immunda (dirty)

Eng Name: after Apache Indians of Arizona

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Michoacan and Veracruz

Argia nahuana Calvert—Aztec Dancer

Argia agrioides var. nahuana Calvert, 1902: 99

TL: [Mexico, Distrito Federal], Mexico City

Sci Name: after Nahuatlan family of Indian tribes of region

Eng Name: after Aztec Indians of Mexican Plateau

Range: Oregon and Nebraska south to Oaxaca

Argia oculata Hagen in Selys—Oculate Dancer

Argia oculata Hagen in Selys, 1865: 409

TL: Brazil, La Guayra [La Guaira, Vargas, Venezuela]

Sci Name: oculate, allusion unknown unless perhaps to large postocular spots

Eng Name: from scientific name, referring to prominent postocular spots

Range: Sonora and Tamaulipas (vagrant to Arizona) south to Bolivia and Brazil

Argia oenea Hagen in Selys—Fiery-eyed Dancer

Argia oenea Hagen in Selys, 1865: 407

TL: Mexico, [Veracruz], Cordova

Sci Name: wine-colored, presumably from thoracic dorsum of male

Eng Name: male with red eyes

Range: Baja California, Arizona and Texas south to Panama

Argia pallens Calvert—Amethyst Dancer

Argia violacea var. pallens Calvert 1902: 98

TL: Arizona, [Pima County], Tucson

Sci Name: pale, from overall coloration

Eng Name: pale violet coloration of amethyst

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Guatemala

Argia paludicola Garrison & von Ellenrieder—Marsh Dancer

Argia paludicola Garrison & von Ellenrieder, 2022: 139

TL: Arizona, Apache Co., Bog Tank, N of Highway 260, Fort Apache Reservation

Sci & Eng Names: dweller of marshes

Range: Arizona and Durango

Argia pima Garrison—Pima Dancer

Argia pima Garrison, 1994: 323

TL: Arizona; Pima County: Upper Sabino Canyon, about 3 mi N of visitor center, NE of Tucson

Sci & Eng Names: after Pima Indians of region

Range: Arizona, Sonora and Chihuahua

Argia rhoadsi Calvert—Golden-winged Dancer

Argia rhoadsi Calvert, 1902: 92

TL: Mexico, Nuevo León, Monterey [= Monterrey]

Sci Name: after S. N. Rhoads, collector of holotype

Eng Name: wings yellow-tinged

Range: Texas south to Puebla and Veracruz

Argia sabino Garrison—Sabino Dancer

Argia sabino Garrison, 1994: 329

TL: Arizona: Pima County: Upper Sabino Canyon, about 3 mi N of visitor center, NE of Tucson

Sci & Eng Names: after Sabino Canyon, type locality

Range: Arizona south to Jalisco

Argia sedula (Hagen)—Blue-ringed Dancer

Agrion sedulum Hagen, 1861: 94

Type Series: Texas, Pecos River; Virginia, Berkeley Springs [now part of West Virginia]

Sci Name: persistent, busy, attentive, allusion unknown

Eng Name: narrow blue rings on male abdomen

Range: California, Nebraska, Ontario and New Jersey south to Baja California Norte, Veracruz and Florida

Argia tarascana Calvert—Tarascan Dancer

Argia tarascana Calvert, 1902: 90

TL: Mexico, Guanajuato, Acambaro

Sci & Eng Names: after Tarascos Indian tribe of Guerrero

Range: Southern Arizona south to Chiapas

Argia tezpi Calvert—Tezpi Dancer

Argia tezpi Calvert, 1902: 77

TL: [Mexico], Baja California, San José del Cabo

Sci & Eng Names: derived from Tezpi, legendary "Noah" of Michoacan

Range: Baja California, Arizona and New Mexico south to Costa Rica; isolated record in Oklahoma

Argia tibialis (Rambur)—Blue-tipped Dancer

Platycnemis tibialis Rambur, 1842: 241

TL: Amerique septentrionale [North America]

Sci Name: referring to tibia, only species with front of tibia black in his *Platycnemis* species

Eng Name: only tip of abdomen blue in males

Range: Nebraska, Minnesota, Ontario and New York south to Texas and Florida

Argia tonto Calvert—Tonto Dancer

Argia tonto Calvert, 1902: 89

TL: Arizona, [Cochise County], Tombstone

Sci & Eng Names: after Tonto Indians of Arizona

Range: Arizona and New Mexico south to Morelos

Argia translata Hagen in Selys—Dusky Dancer

Argia translata Hagen in Selys, 1865: 410

TL: Venezuela

Sci Name: transformed, referring to the changes from teneral to adult male color pattern

Eng Name: mature males almost entirely dark

Range: Arizona, Kansas, Ontario and Maine south to Argentina, Suriname, Mississippi and Georgia

Argia vivida Hagen in Selys—Vivid Dancer

Argia vivida Hagen in Selys, 1865: 406

TL: [Mexico, Baja California], Cabo San Lucas

Sci Name: lively, vivid, presumably because of bright blue color

Eng Name: males very bright blue

Range: British Columbia, Alberta, Montana and South Dakota south to Baja California Sur and New Mexico

Chromagrion Needham—Aurora Damsel

Chromagrion Needham, 1903: 236

Sci Name: colored + *Agrion*, probably referring to coloration separating it from other species considered in *Erythromma* at the time

Eng Name: yellow spot on side of thorax suggests sunrise

Generotype: Erythromma conditum Selys, 1876

Chromagrion conditum (Selys)—Aurora Damsel

Erythromma? conditum Selys, 1876: 1305

Type Series: Maryland; Washington

Sci Name: put together, perhaps referring to its showing features of two genera, Erythromma and Pyrrhosoma

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Manitoba and Quebec south to Arkansas and Georgia

Coenagrion Kirby—Eurasian Bluets

Coenagrion Kirby, 1890: 148

Sci Name: together or common + Agrion, perhaps referring to commonness or even ovipositing in tandem

Eng Name: dominant blue damselflies in Eurasia Generotype: *Libellula puella* Linnaeus, 1758

Coenagrion angulatum Walker—Prairie Bluet

Coenagrion angulatum Walker, 1912: 256

TL: Saskatchewan, Carnduff

Sci Name: angled, referring to shape of male cerci

Eng Name: widespread across northern prairies

Range: British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Ontario south to Montana and Iowa; isolated record in Alaska

Coenagrion interrogatum (Selys)—Subarctic Bluet

Agrion concinnum race? interrogatum Selys, 1876: 1254

TL: Saskatchewan

Sci Name: questioned, perhaps referring to taxonomic status

Eng Name: much of range at very high latitude

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Newfoundland south to Washington, Montana, Wisconsin and Vermont

Coenagrion resolutum (Selys)—Taiga Bluet

Agrion resolutum Selys, 1876: 1263

TL: [Northwest Territories], Fort Resolution

Sci Name: after type locality

Eng Name: common all across North American boreal forest (taiga)

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Iowa, Ohio and Connecticut

Enallagma Charpentier—American Bluets

Enallagma Charpentier, 1840: 21

Sci Name: differing, probably referring to difference from Coenagrion

Eng Name: dominant blue damselflies in North America Generotype: *Agrion cyathigerum* Charpentier, 1840

Enallagma anna Williamson—River Bluet

Enallagma anna Williamson, 1900: 455

TL: Wyoming, Albany County, Sheep Creek

Sci Name: after Anna Tribolet, E. B. Williamson's wife

Eng Name: after typical habitat

Range: Oregon, Alberta, Minnesota, Ontario and New Brunswick south to California, New Mexico, Illinois and Pennsylvania

Enallagma annexum (Hagen)—Northern Bluet

Agrion annexum Hagen, 1861

TL: North America

Sci Name: tied to, perhaps from similarity to Eurasian E. cyathigerum

Eng Name: distributed across northern America

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to Baja California Norte, New Mexico, Iowa and West Virginia

Enallagma antennatum (Say)—Rainbow Bluet

Agrion antennata Say, 1840: 39

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: from distinctive basal segments of antennae

Eng Name: more colors than other Enallagma species

Range: Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec south to Colorado, northern Texas, Illinois and New York; isolated records in Tennessee

Enallagma aspersum (Hagen)—Azure Bluet

Agrion (subgenus Agrion) aspersum Hagen, 1861: 97

Type Series: Chicago; New Jersey, Bergen Hill; New York

Sci Name: sprinkled, probably referring to black spots on abdomen

Eng Name: extensive blue coloration

Range: Nebraska, Wisconsin, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas, Mississippi and Georgia

Enallagma basidens Calvert—Double-striped Bluet

Enallagma basidens Calvert, 1902: 114

TL: Texas

Sci Name: basal tooth, referring to male cerci

Eng Name: double black humeral stripe

Range: Nevada, Wyoming, Wisconsin and Ontario south to Baja California Norte, San Luis Potosí and Florida

Enallagma boreale Selys-Boreal Bluet

Aenallagma [sic] boreale Selys, 1875: 242

TL: Newfoundland, White Bay

Sci & Eng Names: boreal, referring to northern distribution

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to Durango, Iowa and West Virginia

Enallagma cardenium Hagen—Purple Bluet

Enallagma cardenium Hagen in Selys, 1876: 530

TL: Cuba, rivers near Havana

Sci Name: probably refers to Cárdenas, a city near Havana where early collections were made

Eng Name: male coloration dark blue-violet

Range: Alabama and Georgia south through Florida; also Cuba

Enallagma carunculatum Morse—Tule Bluet

Enallagma carunculatum Morse, 1895: 208

TL: Nevada, Washoe County, Franktown

Sci Name: warty, referring to apical tubercle on male cerci

Eng Name: common in tall Scirpus marshes (tules) in West

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Baja California Norte, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Maryland

Enallagma civile (Hagen)—Familiar Bluet

Agrion civile Hagen, 1861: 88

Type Series: Maryland; Mexico, Matamoras [Matamoros]; New York; Texas, Pecos River; Washington

Sci Name: civil, of citizens, allusion unknown

Eng Name: most common and widespread species of genus in North America

Range: Oregon, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland south to Venezuela and Florida; also Bahamas, Greater Antilles and Curaçao; introduced to Hawaii; British Columbia record may be in error

Enallagma clausum Morse—Alkali Bluet

Enallagma clausum Morse, 1895: 209

TL: Nevada, Washoe County, Franktown

Sci Name: closed, referring to male cerci meeting at midline

Eng Name: characteristic of alkaline lakes in West

Range: British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba south to California, New Mexico and Iowa; scattered records in Ontario and Quebec

Enallagma concisum Williamson—Cherry Bluet

Enallagma concisum Williamson, 1922: 117

TL: Florida, Volusia County, Enterprise, Buckeye Homestead Pond

Sci Name: short, concise, referring to short mesostigmal lamina in female

Eng Name: pale markings cherry-red in male

Range: Louisiana and North Carolina south to Florida

Enallagma daeckii (Calvert)—Attenuated Bluet

Telagrion? daeckii Calvert, 1903: 36

Type Series: Florida, Enterprise; New Jersey, Manumuskin

Sci Name: after E. Daecke, collector of one of types

Eng Name: very elongate abdomen

Range: Oklahoma, Indiana and Massachusetts south to Texas and Florida

Enallagma davisi Westfall—Sandhill Bluet

Enallagma davisi Westfall, 1943: 103

TL: Florida, [Seminole County], small grassy-edged lake about five miles north of Winter Park

Sci Name: after Edward M. Davis, friend of describer

Eng Name: common in shallow sandhill lakes of Carolinas

Range: Mississippi and North Carolina south to Florida

Enallagma divagans Selys—Turquoise Bluet

Enallagma divagans Selys, 1876: 521

TL: Massachusetts, [Norfolk County], Dedham

Sci Name: wandering, perhaps because of similarity to E. exsulans, name of which means "in exile"

Eng Name: blue coloration

Range: Kansas, Michigan and Maine south to Texas and Florida

Enallagma doubledayi (Selys)—Atlantic Bluet

Agrion doubledayi Selys, 1850: 209

TL: Florida, St. Johns Bluff

Sci Name: after Edward Doubleday, English entomologist

Eng Name: common on Atlantic Coastal Plain

Range: Oklahoma, Tennessee and New Hampshire south to Texas and Florida; also Cuba and isolated record in Ohio

Enallagma dubium Root—Burgundy Bluet

Enallagma dubium Root, 1924: 321

TL: Georgia, Lee County, Leesburg

Sci Name: dubious, based on description from single specimen and similarity to other species of its group

Eng Name: pale markings burgundy-red in male

Range: Oklahoma, Tennessee and Delaware south to Texas and Florida

Enallagma durum (Hagen)—Big Bluet

Agrion durum Hagen, 1861: 87

Type Series: Florida; Louisiana; Maryland

Sci Name: hard, rough, allusion unknown

Eng Name: largest bluet in North America

Range: Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Quebec and Maine south to Tamaulipas and Florida

Enallagma ebrium (Hagen)—Marsh Bluet

Agrion ebrium Hagen, 1861: 89

Type Series: Chicago; New Orleans (doubtful); North America

Sci Name: drunken, allusion unknown, but similar to many other troubling names by Hagen

Eng Name: common in marshy lakes

Range: British Columbia to Newfoundland south to Washington, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Tennessee and Maryland; southernmost records mostly isolated

Enallagma eiseni Calvert—Baja Bluet

Enallagma eiseni Calvert, 1895: 486

TL: Baja California

Sci Name: named after Gustav Eisen, German earthworm researcher who collected much of the material upon which this species was based

Eng Name: almost confined to Baja California

Range: Arizona, northern Sonora and most of Baja California; vagrant to California

Enallagma exsulans (Hagen)—Stream Bluet

Agrion (subgenus Ischnura) exsulans Hagen, 1861: 82

Type Series: Philadelphia; Texas, Pecos River; Virginia, Berkeley Springs [now part of West Virginia]

Sci Name: exiled, allusion unknown Eng Name: restricted to stream habitats

Range: North Dakota, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Hidalgo and Georgia

Enallagma geminatum Kellicott—Skimming Bluet

Enallagma geminata Kellicott, 1895: 239

TL: Ohio

Sci Name: twin, referring to its great similarity to E. divagans

Eng Name: flies very low over water surface

Range: Nebraska, Minnesota, Ontario and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Enallagma hageni (Walsh)—Hagen's Bluet

Agrion hageni Walsh, 1864: 234

TL: North America

Sci & Eng Names: after Hermann A. Hagen, German-American odonatologist

Range: British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Manitoba and Quebec south to Colorado, Missouri and Maryland, south in Appalachians to Georgia

Enallagma laterale Morse—New England Bluet

Enallagma laterale Morse, 1895: 274

TL: Massachusetts, [Norfolk County], Wellesley

Sci Name: lateral, from lateral stripe on eighth abdominal segment

Eng Name: range almost confined to New England

Range: Maine to Pennsylvania and New Jersey

Enallagma minusculum Morse—Little Bluet

Enallagma minusculum Morse, 1895: 207

TL: Massachusetts, [Middlesex County], Sherborn

Sci Name: rather small, referring to size

Eng Name: very small species of genus

Range: Maine and New Brunswick south to New York and Connecticut, isolated records in New Jersey and North Carolina

Enallagma novaehispaniae Calvert—Neotropical Bluet

Enallagma coecum subspecies novae-hispaniae Calvert, 1907: 381

TL: Mexico, Veracruz, Atoyac

Sci Name: of New Spain, from Latin American distribution

Eng Name: only widespread Neotropical species of genus

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Argentina

Enallagma pallidum Root—Pale Bluet

Enallagma pallidum Root, 1923: 202

TL: Maryland, [Wicomico County], north of Salisbury, large pond of the Electric Light and Power Company

Sci & Eng Names: pallid, from overall coloration

Range: Delaware south along Coastal Plain to Mississippi and Florida

Enallagma pictum Morse—Scarlet Bluet

Enallagma pictum Morse, 1895: 307

TL: Massachusetts, [Middlesex County], Sherborn

Sci Name: painted, from contrasty coloration

Eng Name: bright scarlet coloration of male

Range: New Brunswick south to New Jersey

Enallagma pollutum (Hagen)—Florida Bluet

Agrion (subgenus Ischnura) pollutum Hagen, 1861: 83

TL: Florida

Sci Name: polluted, soiled, allusion unknown unless perhaps referring to dark coloration of specimen

Eng Name: large part of range in Florida

Range: Mississippi and South Carolina south through Florida

Enallagma praevarum (Hagen)—Arroyo Bluet

Agrion praevarum Hagen, 1861: 88

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: unsteady, irregular, allusion unknown, perhaps referring to excised border of prothorax

Eng Name: often found in desert arroyo streams

Range: California, Montana and North Dakota south to Oaxaca

Enallagma recurvatum Davis—Pine Barrens Bluet

Enallagma recurvatum Davis, 1913: 15

TL: New York, Long Island, [Suffolk County], Wyandanch

Sci Name: recurved, from shape of male cerci

Eng Name: typical coastal habitat

Range: Southern Maine south to New Jersey

Enallagma semicirculare Selys—Claw-tipped Bluet

Enallagma semicirculare Selys, 1876: 517

Type Locality: Mexico

Sci Name: semicircular, from shape of male cerci Eng Name: curved male cerci like pair of claws

Range: Arizona, New Mexico and southern Texas south to Chiapas

Enallagma signatum (Hagen)—Orange Bluet

Agrion (subgenus Ischnura) signatum Hagen, 1861: 84

Type Series: Georgia; Louisiana

Sci Name: marked, probably alluding to varied color pattern

Eng Name: orange coloration

Range: Colorado, Minnesota and New Brunswick south to Tamaulipas and Florida

Enallagma sulcatum Williamson—Golden Bluet

Enallagma sulcatum Williamson, 1922: 114

TL: Florida, [Volusia County], Enterprise

Sci Name: cleaved, referring to grooved mesostigmal laminae of female

Eng Name: bright yellow thorax

Range: Alabama and Florida; isolated record in southern North Carolina

Enallagma traviatum Selys—Slender Bluet

Enallagma traviatum Selys, 1876: 519

TL: Massachusetts, [Norfolk County], Dedham

Sci Name: gone astray, perhaps referring to close relationship to E. divagans

Eng Name: one of the more slender Enallagma

Range: Nebraska, Wisconsin, Ontario and New Hampshire south to Texas and Georgia

Enallagma vernale Gloyd—Vernal Bluet

Enallagma vernale Gloyd, 1943: 1

TL: Michigan, Schoolcraft County, Seney Refuge

Sci & Eng Names: vernal refers to spring flight season

Range: Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Wisconsin and New York

Enallagma vesperum Calvert—Vesper Bluet

Enallagma vesperum Calvert, 1919: 380

TL: Maine, [Penobscot County], Bradley, Chemo Stream

Sci & Eng Names: of the evening, referring to late flight activity

Range: Colorado, Minnesota, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Enallagma weewa Byers—Blackwater Bluet

Enallagma weewa Byers, 1927: 385

TL: Florida, Gulf County, Wewahitchka, Chipola Lake

Sci Name: after type locality

Eng Name: typical habitat blackwater streams

Range: Rhode Island south and west to Louisiana and Florida

Hesperagrion Calvert—Painted Damsel

Hesperagrion Calvert, 1902: 103

Sci Name: western + *Agrion*, referring to geographic range Eng Name: mature male with bright and varied color pattern

Generotype: Agrion heterodoxum Selys, 1868

Hesperagrion heterodoxum (Selys)—Painted Damsel

Agrion heterodoxum Selys, 1868: 69

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: of different opinion, perhaps referring to unusual male cerci

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Oaxaca

Ischnura Charpentier—Forktails

Ischnura Charpentier, 1840: 20

Sci Name: slender-tailed, referring to slender abdomen

Eng Name: males of most have forked projection on tenth segment

Generotype: Agrion elegans Vander Linden, 1823

Ischnura barberi Currie—Desert Forktail

Ischnura barberi Currie, 1903: 302

TL: Arizona, Yavapai County, Hot Springs

Sci Name: after H. S. Barber, one of collectors of type

Eng Name: typical of desert streams

Range: Oregon, Utah and Nebraska south to Baja California Sur, Sinaloa and Texas

Ischnura cervula Selys-Pacific Forktail

Ischnura cervula Selys, 1876: 262

TL: California

Sci Name: little deer, alluding to antler-like forked apex of tenth segment of male abdomen

Eng Name: most common Ischnura on Pacific Coast

Range: British Columbia and Saskatchewan south to Baja California Sur, Sonora and New Mexico

Ischnura damula Calvert—Plains Forktail

Ischnura damula Calvert, 1902: 126

TL: New Mexico, [McKinley County], Zuni

Sci Name: little deer, alluding to forked apex of tenth segment of male abdomen

Eng Name: much of range encompasses Great Plains

Range: Alberta and Manitoba south to Michoacan; isolated records in British Columbia

Ischnura demorsa (Hagen)—Mexican Forktail

Agrion (subgenus Ischnura) demorsum Hagen, 1861: 81

TL: Mexico, Moretia [Morelia in Michoacan?]

Sci Name: bitten off, perhaps referring to damaged female specimen

Eng Name: characteristic species of Mexican Plateau Range: Nevada, Colorado and Kansas south to Oaxaca

Ischnura denticollis (Burmeister)—Black-fronted Forktail

Agrion denticolle Burmeister, 1839: 819

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: tooth-necked, referring to projection on female prothorax

Eng Name: thoracic dorsum entirely black

Range: Oregon, Utah and Kansas south to Guatemala

Ischnura erratica Calvert—Swift Forktail

Ischnura? erratica Calvert, 1895: 491

Type Series: California, Mendocino County; Washington, Olympia

Sci Name: erratic, referring to lack of spine on female segment 8 unusual in Ischnura

Eng Name: swift, direct flight in contrast with other *Ischnura*

Range: British Columbia south to California

Ischnura gemina (Kennedy)—San Francisco Forktail

Celaenura gemina Kennedy, 1917: 497

TL: California, Santa Clara County, San Jose, Coyote Creek

Sci Name: twin, for similarity to *Ischnura denticollis* Eng Name: most populations in San Francisco area

Range: California

Ischnura hastata (Say)—Citrine Forktail

Agrion hastata Say, 1840: 38

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: spear-shaped, referring to abdominal spots of male

Eng Name: both sexes colored largely orange or yellow as citrus fruits

Range: California, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Ontario and Maine south to Colombia and French Guiana; also Bermuda, West Indies, Galápagos and Azores

Ischnura kellicotti Williamson—Lilypad Forktail

Ischnura kellicotti Williamson, 1898: 209

TL: Indiana, Whitley County, Round and Shriner Lakes

Sci Name: after David S. Kellicott, American entomologist

Eng Name: typically rests on water-lily leaves

Range: Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Maine south to Texas and Florida

Ischnura perparva McLachlan in Selys-Western Forktail

Ischnura perparva McLachlan in Selys, 1876: 263

TL: Texas, western [not subsequently found there]

Sci Name: thoroughly small, referring to size

Eng Name: common throughout most of West

Range: British Columbia and Manitoba south to California, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Iowa

Ischnura posita (Hagen)—Fragile Forktail

Agrion (subgenus Ischnura) positum Hagen, 1861: 77

Type Series: Georgia, Dalton, Savannah; Washington

Sci Name: placed, situated, allusion unknown

Eng Name: very small, slender species

Range: Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to Belize and Florida; isolated record in Newfoundland and introduced to Hawaii

Ischnura prognata (Hagen)—Furtive Forktail

Agrion (subgenus Ischnura) prognatum Hagen, 1861: 83

TL: Virginia, Berkeley Springs [now part of West Virginia]

Sci Name: born, descended, allusion unknown Eng Name: difficult to see in dim swamp habitat

Range: Arkansas, Indiana and Massachusetts south to Texas and Florida

Ischnura ramburii (Selys)—Rambur's Forktail

Agrion ramburii Selys, 1850: 186

TL: l'ile d'Yucatan

Sci & Eng Names: after Jules Pierre Rambur, early French entomologist

Range: California, Kansas, Ohio and Maine south to Florida, then to Ecuador and Guianas (perhaps Brazil); also Bermuda, Bahamas and West Indies; introduced to Hawaii

Ischnura verticalis (Say)—Eastern Forktail

Agrion verticalis Say, 1840: 37

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: concerning the vertex, probably referring to its black color

Eng Name: restricted to eastern North America

Range: Saskatchewan, Ontario and Newfoundland south to New Mexico, Arkansas and Georgia

Leptobasis Selys—Swampdamsels

Leptobasis Selys, 1877: 99

Sci Name: slender base, referring to narrow-based wings Eng Name: most species live in swamps, wooded wetlands

Generotype: Leptobasis vacillans Selys, 1877

Leptobasis lucifer (Donnelly)—Lucifer Swampdamsel

Chrysobasis lucifer Donnelly, 1967: 47

Type Locality: Guatemala, Izabal, Tenedores

Sci & Eng Name: light-bearing, referring to the bright abdomen tip

Range: Florida and Veracruz south to Costa Rica

Leptobasis melinogaster González Soriano—Cream-tipped Swampdamsel

Leptobasis melinogaster González Soriano, 2002: 181

TL: Mexico, Jalisco, Estación de Biología Chamela

Sci Name: honey-bellied, referring to creamed-honey color of abdomen tip

Eng Name: male abdomen tip the color of creamed honey

Range: Texas and Sinaloa south to Oaxaca

Leptobasis vacillans Hagen in Selys—Red-tipped Swampdamsel

Leptobasis vacillans Hagen in Selys, 1877: 101

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: to stagger or be weak, perhaps referring to extreme slenderness

Eng Name: male abdomen tip red-orange

Range: Texas and Sinaloa south to Peru and Guianas; also throughout West Indies

Nehalennia Selys—Sprites

Nehalennia Selys, 1850: 172

Sci Name: a river goddess of the Rhine, allusion unknown but goes along with many odonate names referring to females

Eng Name: species are tiny and difficult to detect Generotype: *Agrion speciosum* Charpentier, 1840

Nehalennia gracilis Morse—Sphagnum Sprite

Nehalennia gracilis Morse, 1895: 274

TL: Massachusetts, [Norfolk County], Wellesley Sci Name: slender, referring to abdomen shape Eng Name: typically found in sphagnum bogs

Range: Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Nehalennia integricollis Calvert—Southern Sprite

Nehalennia integricollis Calvert, 1913: 312

TL: Florida, [Volusia County], Enterprise

Sci Name: whole-necked, referring to lack of emargination on prothorax

Eng Name: most southerly distributed of the widespread North American species of the genus

Range: Oklahoma, Tennessee and New Hampshire south to Texas and Florida

Nehalennia irene (Hagen)—Sedge Sprite

Agrion (subgenus Nehalennia) irene Hagen, 1861: 74

Type Series: [Illinois], Chicago and Florida; Wisconsin and Illinois; New Jersey; Maine

Sci Name: the Greek goddess of peace or perhaps an unknown woman

Eng Name: often in dense sedge (Carex) beds

Range: British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Newfoundland south to California, Nebraska, Kentucky and Virginia; isolated record in Alaska

Nehalennia minuta (Selys in Sagra)—Tropical Sprite

Trichocnemis minuta Selys in Sagra, 1857: 464

TL: Calisco, Cuba

Sci Name: small, referring to size in comparison with most coenagrionids

Eng Name: most tropical species of genus

Range: Florida, Mexico and Greater Antilles south to Brazil

Nehalennia pallidula Calvert—Everglades Sprite

Nehalennia pallidula Calvert, 1913: 373

TL: Florida, [Dade County], Haulover

Sci Name: somewhat pale, referring to greater extent of pale color on sides of thorax than other Nehalennia

Eng Name: best known from Everglades of Florida

Range: Florida; isolated record in Texas

Neoerythromma Kennedy—Yellowfaces

Neoerythromma Kennedy, 1920: 86

Sci Name: new + Erythromma, probably referring to New World distribution

Eng Name: male with bright yellow frons Generotype: *Enallagma cultellatum* Selys, 1876

Neoerythromma cultellatum (Selys)—Caribbean Yellowface

Enallagma cultellatum, Selys, 1876: 524

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: with a little knife, referring to shape of male cerci

Eng Name: distribution primarily around Caribbean

Range: Florida and Texas south to Venezuela; also Greater Antilles

Neoneura Selys-Robust Threadtails

Neonevra [sic] Selys, 1860: 459 [subgenus of Protonevra]

Sci Name: new nerve (= vein), more probably "new Protoneura"

Eng Name: members of this genus heavier-bodied than most threadtails

Generotype: Neoneura bilinearis Selys, 1860

Neoneura aaroni Calvert—Coral-fronted Threadtail

Neoneura aaroni Calvert, 1903: 139

TL: Texas

Sci Name: named after probable collector, S. F. Aaron

Eng Name: front of thorax coral-red Range: Texas south to Nuevo León

Neoneura amelia Calvert—Amelia's Threadtail

Neoneura amelia Calvert, 1903: 138

TL: Guatemala, Vera Paz, Cubilguitz

Sci and Eng Names: after Amelia Calvert, describer's wife

Range: Texas south to Panama

Protoneura Selys-Slender Threadtails

Protonevra [sic] Selys, 1857: 470

Sci Name: first nerve (= vein), probably referring to primitive nature of wing venation

Eng Name: abdomen slender and threadlike Generotype: *Agrion capillaris* Rambur, 1842

Protoneura cara Calvert—Orange-striped Threadtail

Protoneura cara Calvert, 1903: 143

TL: Mexico, Guerrero, Iguala

Sci Name: precious, beloved, presumably refers to damselflies as lovable

Eng Name: orange stripes on thorax

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Nicaragua

Telebasis Selys—Firetails

Telebasis Selys, 1865: 378

Sci Name: far apart base, referring to long petiolation of wings

Eng Name: red abdomen of males of most species

Generotype: Agrion salvum Hagen, 1861

Telebasis byersi Westfall—Duckweed Firetail

Telebasis byersi Westfall, 1957: 20

TL: Florida, Alachua County, near Gainesville, Bivin's Arm [Biven's Arm, now in Gainesville]

Sci Name: after C. Francis Byers, Florida odonatologist

Eng Name: typically inhabits duckweed (Lemna)-covered ponds

Range: Oklahoma, Illinois and New Jersey south to Texas and Florida

Telebasis digiticollis Calvert—Marsh Firetail

Telebasis digiticollis Calvert, 1902: 118

TL: Teapa, Tabasco, Mexico

Sci Name: finger neck, alluding to projections on prothorax

Eng Name: often in grassy marshes Range: Texas south to Panama

Telebasis salva (Hagen)—Desert Firetail

Agrion (subgenus Pyrrhosoma) salvum Hagen, 1861: 85

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: unharmed, probably comparing it to *T. vulnerata* (wounded)

Eng Name: often on desert streams

Range: California, Utah and Kansas south to Venezuela

Zoniagrion Kennedy—Exclamation Damsel

Zoniagrion Kennedy, 1917: 488

Sci Name: girdled + Agrion, for banded lamellae of larva

Eng Name: antehumeral thoracic stripe forms exclamation mark

Generotype: Agrion exclamationis Selys, 1876

Zoniagrion exclamationis (Selys)—Exclamation Damsel

Agrion exclamationis Selys, 1876: 1251

TL: California

Sci & Names: antehumeral thoracic stripe forms exclamation mark

Range: California

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PETALURIDAE—Petaltails

Tachopteryx Uhler in Selys—Gray Petaltail

Tachopteryx Uhler in Selys, 1859: 551

Sci Name: swift-winged

Eng Name: petal-like cerci of male

Generotype: Uropetala thoreyi Hagen in Selys, 1858

Tachopteryx thoreyi (Hagen in Selys)—Gray Petaltail

Uropetala thoreyi Hagen in Selys, 1858: 633

TL: North America?

Sci Name: after M. Thorey of Hambourg [Germany], donor of holotype

Eng Name: gray coloration

Range: Kansas, Michigan, New York and New Hampshire south to Texas and Florida

Tanypteryx Kennedy—Dark Petaltails

Tanypteryx Kennedy, 1917: 507

Sci Name: long-winged, although Kennedy intended it to have the same meaning as Tachopteryx, in which

hageni originally described

Eng Name: primarily dark coloration Generotype: *Tachopteryx hageni* Selys, 1879

Tanypteryx hageni (Selys)—Black Petaltail

Tachopteryx hageni Selys, 1879: 68

TL: Nevada

Sci Name: after Hermann A. Hagen, German-American odonatologist

Eng Name: black coloration

Range: British Columbia south to California and Nevada

Aeshna Fabricius—Mosaic Darners

Aeshna Fabricius, 1775: 424

Sci Name: derivation unknown (much published speculation, also spelled Aeschna)

Eng Name: light markings on body form mosaic patterns

Generotype: Libellula grandis Linnaeus, 1758

Aeshna caerulea (Ström)—Azure Darner

Libellula caerulea Ström, 1783: 90

TL: Denmark

Sci & Eng Names: blue

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to British Columbia, Quebec and Newfoundland; also widely across Eurasia

Aeshna canadensis Walker—Canada Darner

Aeshna canadensis Walker, 1908: 384

TL: Ontario, De Grassi Point

Sci & Eng Names: of Canada

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba and Newfoundland south to California, Montana, Nebraska and West Virginia

Aeshna clepsydra Say—Mottled Darner

Aeshna clepsydra Say, 1840: 12

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: water clock, a device for measuring time by amount of water discharged from a vessel through a small aperture; perhaps refers to hourglass shape of male abdomen base

Eng Name: thoracic pattern more mottled than striped

Range: Wisconsin to Nova Scotia, south to Indiana and New Jersey

Aeshna constricta Say—Lance-tipped Darner

Aeshna constricta Say, 1840: 11

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: abdomen constricted at base

Eng Name: female cerci large and lancelike

Range: British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Oregon, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Virginia; isolated records in New Mexico and Arkansas

Aeshna eremita Scudder—Lake Darner

Aeshna eremita Scudder, 1866: 213

TL: New Hampshire, [Coos County], Hermit Lake

Sci Name: hermit, named after type locality

Eng Name: characteristic of large lakes

Range: Alaska, Nunavut and Labrador south to Washington, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, Michigan and New York

Aeshna interrupta Walker—Variable Darner

Aeshna interrupta Walker, 1908: 381

TL: Ontario, Nipigon

Sci Name: interrupted, referring to thoracic stripes

Eng Name: thoracic pattern varies geographically

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Newfoundland south to California, New Mexico, Iowa and New Jersey

Aeshna juncea (Linnaeus)—Sedge Darner

Libellula juncea Linnaeus, 1758: 544

TL: Europe

Sci Name: of rushes (Juncus), plants of typical habitat

Eng Name: more typically associated with sedges (Carex)

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Quebec and Labrador south to Oregon, New Mexico, Manitoba, Michigan and New Hampshire; also widely in Eurasia

Aeshna palmata Hagen—Paddle-tailed Darner

Aeshna palmata Hagen, 1856: 369

TL: [Russia], Kamtchatka [= Kamchatka]

Sci Name: palmate, referring to shape of male cerci

Eng Name: male cerci paddle-shaped

Range: Alaska, Yukon and Saskatchewan south to California, New Mexico and Nebraska; also eastern Siberia

Aeshna persephone Donnelly—Persephone's Darner

Aeshna persephone Donnelly, 1961: 193

TL: Arizona, Cochise County, near Portal, on Cave Creek, Herb Martyr Dam

Sci & Eng Names: after Persephone, queen of Hades, who was allowed to visit the surface part of the time, alluding to moving between shadowy canyons and sunny slopes

Range: Utah and New Mexico south to Nayarit and Mexico state

Aeshna sitchensis Hagen—Zigzag Darner

Aeschna sitchensis Hagen, 1861: 119

TL: Alaska, Sitka

Sci Name: after type locality

Eng Name: characteristic thoracic stripes

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Michigan and New York

Aeshna subarctica Walker—Subarctic Darner

Aeshna subarctica Walker, 1908: 385

TL: Ontario, Nipigon

Sci & Eng Names: referring to northerly distribution

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin and New Jersey; also Eurasia

Aeshna tuberculifera Walker-Black-tipped Darner

Aeshna tuberculifera Walker, 1908: 385

TL: Maine, [Waldo County], Isleboro

Sci Name: tubercle-bearing, referring to tubercle on base of male cerci

Eng Name: male with tenth abdominal segment entirely black

Range: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Prince Edward Island south to Oregon, Montana, Minnesota, Ohio and North Carolina

Aeshna umbrosa Walker—Shadow Darner

Aeshna umbrosa Walker, 1908: 380

TL: Ontario, De Grassi Point

Sci Name: shadowy, referring to dark color and/or late-afternoon flight

Eng Name: referring to males often patrolling in shade and late afternoon

Range: Yukon, Northwest Territories and Newfoundland south to California, New Mexico, Alabama and Georgia

Aeshna verticalis Hagen—Green-striped Darner

Aeschna verticalis Hagen, 1861: 122

Type Series: New York; [District of Columbia], Washington Sci Name: presumably referring to vertex, allusion unknown

Eng Name: thoracic stripes more green than blue

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Iowa, Kentucky and North Carolina

Aeshna walkeri Kennedy—Walker's Darner

Aeshna walkeri Kennedy, 1917: 588

TL: California, Santa Clara County, San Francisquito Creek

Sci & Eng Names: after Edmund M. Walker, Canadian odonatologist

Range: Washington south to Baja California Norte

Anax Leach—Green Darners

Anax Leach, 1815: 137

Sci Name: lord of the house, perhaps referring to bulk or dominant behavior of A. imperator

Eng Name: many species of genus with entirely green thorax

Generotype: Anax imperator Leach, 1815

Anax amazili (Burmeister)—Amazon Darner

Aeschna amazili Burmeister, 1839: 841

TL: South America

Sci Name: presumably after an Inca heroine named Amazili

Eng Name: only member of genus in Amazon basin

Range: Arizona, Texas and Florida south through Mexico and West Indies to Argentina

Anax concolor Brauer—Blue-spotted Comet Darner

Anax concolor Brauer, 1865: 508

TL: Brazil

Sci Name: concolored, because frons, thorax and first two abdominal segments a matching yellow-green

Eng Name: like Comet Darner but abdomen dark with blue spots

Range: Texas and West Indies south to Argentina

Anax junius (Drury)—Common Green Darner

Libellula junia Drury, 1773: 47

TL: none designated

Sci Name: originally *junia*, presumably refers to female member of the family of Marcus Junius Brutus, founder of the Roman Republic

Eng Name: abundance and green thorax

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec and Newfoundland south to Belize; also Bermuda, Bahamas, Greater Antilles, and Hawaii; isolated records in Alaska, Yukon, Europe, eastern Asia and Tahiti

Anax longipes Hagen—Comet Darner

Anax longipes Hagen, 1861: 118

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: long-footed, referring to long legs

Eng Name: fiery-red abdomen of male simulates comet's tail

Range: Kansas, Wisconsin, Ontario and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Anax walsinghami McLachlan—Giant Darner

Anax walsinghami McLachlan, 1883: 127

TL: North California

Sci Name: after Thomas de Grey, Sixth Baron of Walsingham, English lepidopterist

Eng Name: very large size

Range: California, Utah and Texas south to Oaxaca

Basiaeschna Selys-Springtime Darner

Basiaeschna Selys, 1883: 735

Sci Name: basal + Aeschna, refers to the often free basal space in the genus

Eng Name: flight season early in spring Generotype: *Aeschna janata* Say, 1840

Basiaeschna janata (Say)—Springtime Darner

Aeshna janata Say, 1840: 13

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: allusion unknown, as not a Latin or Greek word

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Boyeria McLachlan—Spotted Darners

Boyeria McLachlan, 1896: 424

Sci Name: after E. L. J. H. Boyer de Fonscolombe, French entomologist

Eng Name: prominent light spots on sides of thorax Generotype: *Aeschna irene* Fonscolombe, 1838

Boyeria grafiana Williamson—Ocellated Darner

Boyeria grafiana Williamson, 1907: 1

TL: Ontario, Searchmont

Sci Name: after J. L. Graf, a local naturalist

Eng Name: spots on side of thorax

Range: Minnesota, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia south in uplands to Georgia

Boyeria vinosa (Say)—Fawn Darner

Aeshna vinosa Say, 1840: 13

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: full of wine, may refer to coloration or at times irregular flight

Eng Name: brown with pale spots, like a deer fawn

Range: Nebraska, Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Coryphaeschna Williamson—Pilot Darners

Coryphaeschna Williamson, 1903: 2

Sci Name: tip + Aeschna, perhaps referring to location of supplementary sector near wing tip

Eng Name: alluding to high foraging flights Generotype: *Aeshna ingens* Rambur, 1842

Coryphaeschna adnexa (Hagen)—Blue-faced Darner

Aeschna adnexa Hagen, 1861: 127

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: bound to, allusion unknown

Eng Name: only species of genus with bright blue face

Range: Arizona, New Mexico and Florida south to Argentina; also Greater Antilles

Coryphaeschna apeora Paulson—Icarus Darner

Coryphaeschna apeora Paulson, 1994: 380

TL: Costa Rica, Heredia, La Selva

Sci Name: flying on high

Eng Name: refers to the mythological Icarus, who flew too close to the sun

Range: Texas to Costa Rica; also Cuba

Coryphaeschna ingens (Rambur)—Regal Darner

Aeschna ingens Rambur, 1842: 192

TL: not stated

Sci Name: huge, referring to large size

Eng Name: large size and high flights

Range: Oklahoma to Virginia, south to Texas and Florida; also Cuba and Bahamas

Coryphaeschna viriditas Calvert—Mangrove Darner

Coryphaeschna viriditas Calvert, 1952: 264

TL: Bolivia, Santa Cruz

Sci Name: greenness, referring to overall coloration Eng Name: breeds in mangroves in parts of range

Range: Texas and Florida south to Paraguay; also Greater Antilles

Note: New name for Coryphaeschna virens Rambur, 1842

Epiaeschna Hagen—Swamp Darner

Epiaeschna Hagen, 1875: 86

Sci Name: added or superior + Aeschna, alluding either to its being an additional genus or to its size larger

than Aeshna

Eng Name: commonly occurs in swamps Generotype: *Aeschna heros* Fabricius, 1798

Epiaeschna heros (Fabricius)—Swamp Darner

Aeschna heros Fabricius, 1798: 285

TL: America boreali [North America]

Sci Name: a hero, probably referring to large size

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Kansas, Minnesota, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Gomphaeschna Selys—Pygmy Darners

Gomphaeschna Selys, 1871: 413

Sci Name: Gomphus + Aeschna, refers to male epiproct looking like that of a Gomphus

Eng Name: smallest darners in North America Generotype: *Aeschna furcillata* Say, 1840

Gomphaeschna antilope (Hagen)—Taper-tailed Darner

Aeschna antilope Hagen, 1874: 354

TL: Maryland, [Baltimore County], near Baltimore, Druid Hill

Sci Name: antelope, referring to male epiproct shaped like pair of horns

Eng Name: tapered abdomen shape of male

Range: Ohio, New York and Maine southwest to Louisiana and Florida; isolated record in Michigan

Gomphaeschna furcillata (Say)—Harlequin Darner

Aeschna furcillata Say, 1840: 14

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: with a little fork, referring to shape of male epiproct

Eng Name: complex markings

Range: Minnesota and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Gynacantha Rambur—Two-spined Darners

Gynacantha Rambur, 1842: 209

Sci Name: spined female, referring to spines on female tenth abdominal segment

Eng Name: females with two spines on tenth abdominal segment

Generotype: Gynacantha nervosa Rambur, 1842

Gynacantha mexicana Selys—Bar-sided Darner

Gynacantha mexicana Selys, 1868: 69

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: of Mexico

Eng Name: dark bar on each side of thorax

Range: Texas south to Brazil

Gynacantha nervosa Rambur—Twilight Darner

Gynacantha nervosa Rambur, 1842: 213

TL: Bolivia, Santa Cruz

Sci Name: rich in veins, referring to dense wing venation

Eng Name: characteristic foraging flight time

Range: Alabama, Georgia and Florida (vagrant to Oklahoma and Delaware) south through Mexico and West Indies to Bolivia and Brazil

Nasiaeschna Selys in Förster—Cyrano Darner

Nasiaeschna Selys in Förster, 1900: 93

Sci Name: nose + Aeschna, referring to projection of frons

Eng Name: alluding to Cyrano de Bergerac's nose because of projecting frons

Generotype: Aeshna pentacantha Rambur 1842

Nasiaeschna pentacantha (Rambur)—Cyrano Darner

Aeschna pentacantha Rambur, 1842: 208

TL: [Louisiana, Orleans Par.], New Orleans

Sci Name: five-spined, from patch of spines under female's tenth segment

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Nebraska, Minnesota and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Oplonaeschna Selys-Riffle Darners

Oplonaeschna Selys, 1883: 735

Sci Name: armed + Aeschna, from projection on tenth abdominal segment of male

Eng Name: often flies over riffles

Generotype: Aeschna armata Hagen, 1861

Oplonaeschna armata (Hagen)—Riffle Darner

Aeschna armata Hagen, 1861: 124

TL: Mexico, Trogés del Oro

Sci Name: armed, referring to projection on tenth abdominal segment of male

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Utah and New Mexico south to Honduras; isolated record in California

Remartinia Navás—Malachite Darners

Remartinia Navás, 1911: 479

Sci Name: after René Martin, early monographer of Aeshnidae

Eng Name: from common and widespread species

Generotype: Remartinia barbiellina Navás, 1911 (= R. luteipennis)

Remartinia luteipennis (Burmeister)—Malachite Darner

Aeschna luteipennis Burmeister, 1839: 837

TL: Brazil

Sci Name: yellow-winged, probably referring to colored wings of old individuals

Eng Name: light markings malachite green

Range: Arizona and Nuevo León south to Argentina

Remartinia secreta (Calvert)—Secretive Darner

Coryphaeschna secreta Calvert, 1952: 262

TL: Cuba, San Diego de los Baños

Sci & Eng Names: secretive, found only after long exploration of Cuba

Range: Texas south to Honduras; also Cuba

Rhionaeschna Förster—Neotropical Darners

Rhionaeschna Förster, 1909: 220

Sci Name: peaked + Aeschna, referring to the prominent vertex in the type species

Eng Name: includes most neotropical species formerly in Aeshna

Generotype: Rhionaeschna maita Förster, 1909

Rhionaeschna californica (Calvert)—California Darner

Aeschna californica (Hagen MS) Calvert, 1895: 504

Type Series: California, Mt. Tamalpais and San Bernardino; Utah, Salt Lake City

Sci & Eng Names: of California, type locality

Range: British Columbia, Saskatchewan and South Dakota south to Baja California Norte and Colorado

Rhionaeschna dugesi (Calvert)—Arroyo Darner

Aeshna dugesi Calvert, 1905: 184

TL: Mexico, Guanajuato, Guanajuato

Sci Name: A. Dugès collected type specimen

Eng Name: often found in desert arroyo streams Range: Arizona and New Mexico south to Oaxaca

Rhionaeschna multicolor (Hagen)—Blue-eyed Darner

Aeschna multicolor Hagen, 1861: 121

Type Series: [Mexico, Veracruz], Cordova; Mexico [Distrito Federal]; Texas, Pecos River; Upper Missouri

Sci Name: many-colored [inappropriate, as fewer colors than many aeshnids]

Eng Name: male with bright blue eyes

Range: British Columbia, Alberta, Minnesota and Wisconsin south to Michoacan and Veracruz; isolated records in Massachusetts and North Carolina

Rhionaeschna mutata (Hagen)—Spatterdock Darner

Aeschna mutata Hagen, 1861: 124

TL: North America

Sci Name: changed, perhaps alluding to the species being like a mutant of R. multicolor

Eng Name: often associated with spatterdock plants (Nuphar)

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Maine south to Missouri, Tennessee and Virginia

Rhionaeschna psilus (Calvert)—Turquoise-tipped Darner

Aeshna psilus Calvert, 1947: 4

TL: Costa Rica, [Cartago Prov.], Cachí

Sci Name: a soldier without heavy armor, referring to short spine on anterior lamina

Eng Name: bright blue under last two abdominal segments of male

Range: Arizona (vagrant to California) and Texas south to Peru; also West Indies

Triacanthagyna Selys—Three-spined Darners

Triacanthagyna Selys, 1883: 745

Sci Name: three-spined female, referring to spines on tenth abdominal segment

Eng Name: females with three spines on tenth abdominal segment

Generotype: Gynacantha trifida Rambur, 1842

Triacanthagyna caribbea Williamson—Caribbean Darner

Triacanthagyna caribbea Williamson, 1923: 22

TL: Palma Sola, Venezuela

Sci & Eng Names: distributed around the southern and eastern sides of the Caribbean

Range: Texas south to Bolivia and Brazil; also Lesser Antilles

Triacanthagyna septima (Selys in Sagra)—Pale-green Darner

Gynacantha septima Selys in Sagra, 1857: 460

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: probably a female name, allusion unknown

Eng Name: thorax plain pale green, most lightly marked of genus

Range: Texas and Florida through West Indies south to Bolivia and Brazil

Triacanthagyna trifida (Rambur)—Phantom Darner

Gynacantha trifida Rambur, 1842: 210

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: three-parted, referring to spines on female tenth abdominal segment

Eng Name: barely detectable in crepuscular flights

Range: North Carolina to Florida and west to Louisiana; also West Indies

GOMPHIDAE—Clubtails

Aphylla Selys—Greater Forceptails

Aphylla Selys 1854: 78

Sci Name: without leaf, referring to reduced flanges on subterminal abdominal segments

Eng Name: male cerci forcepslike Generotype: *Aphylla brevipes* Selys, 1854

Aphylla angustifolia Garrison—Broad-striped Forceptail

Aphylla angustifolia Garrison, 1986: 19

TL: Mexico, Veracruz, Motel Playa Azul, by Lago Catemaco, Catemaco

Sci Name: narrow-leafed, referring to slight expansion of abdomen

Eng Name: pale lateral thoracic stripes wide Range: Texas to Mississippi south to Costa Rica

Aphylla protracta (Selys)—Narrow-striped Forceptail

Cyclophylla protracta Selys, 1859: 546

Type Series: Texas; Matamoras [Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico]

Sci Name: lengthened, referring to posterolateral extensions of male abdominal segment 10

Eng Name: pale lateral thoracic stripes narrow Range: Arizona and Texas south to Costa Rica

Aphylla williamsoni (Gloyd)—Two-striped Forceptail

Gomphoides williamsoni Gloyd, 1936: 9

TL: Florida, Madison County, Logan Lake

Sci Name: after Edward B. Williamson, American odonatologist

Eng Name: two wide pale lateral thoracic stripes

Range: Oklahoma, Tennessee and Virginia south to Texas and Florida

Arigomphus Needham—Pond Clubtails

Arigomphus Needham, 1897: 181

Sci Name: excellent + Gomphus

Eng Name: pond habitat and clubbed abdomen Generotype: *Gomphus pallidus* Rambur, 1842

Arigomphus cornutus (Tough)—Horned Clubtail

Gomphus cornutus Tough, 1900: 17

TL: Illinois, DuPage County, Glen Ellyn

Sci Name: horned or provided with antlers, refers to shape of male cerci

Eng Name: spines on female vertex

Range: Montana, Manitoba and Quebec south to Colorado, Indiana and New York

Arigomphus furcifer (Hagen in Selys)—Lilypad Clubtail

Gomphus furcifer Hagen in Selys, 1878: 458

Type Series: Massachusetts, Natick; Michigan, Lanzing [= Lansing] Sci Name: fork-bearing, probably referring to branched male cerci

Eng Name: commonly perches on water-lily leaves

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Maine south to Indiana, Ohio and Virginia

Arigomphus lentulus (Needham)—Stillwater Clubtail

Gomphus lentulus Needham, 1902: 275

TL: Illinois, [Clay County], Flora, 5 mi NE on Little Wabash River

Sci Name: rather slow, perhaps referring to habitat or flight characteristics

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Kansas and Indiana south to Texas and Mississippi

Arigomphus maxwelli (Ferguson)—Bayou Clubtail

Gomphus maxwelli Ferguson, 1950: 93

TL: Texas, Hardin County

Sci Name: after Richard E. Maxwell, collector of holotype

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Oklahoma and Illinois south to Texas and Alabama

Arigomphus pallidus (Rambur)—Gray-green Clubtail

Gomphus pallidus Rambur, 1842: 163

TL: North America

Sci Name: pale, referring to overall pale coloration

Eng Name: thoracic coloration

Range: Alabama and Virginia south through Florida; many old records from Kentucky

Arigomphus submedianus (Williamson)—Jade Clubtail

Gomphus submedianus Williamson, 1914: 54

TL: Texas, [Matagorda County], Bay City, pools along railroad to Brownsville

Sci Name: near the middle, perhaps referring to submedian thoracic stripes

Eng Name: color of thorax

Range: South Dakota, Minnesota and Ohio south to Texas and Alabama

Arigomphus villosipes (Selys)—Unicorn Clubtail

Gomphus villosipes Selys, 1854: 53

TL: United States

Sci Name: hairy-legged, describing the femora

Eng Name: occipital crest with medial point

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Maine south to Mississippi and South Carolina; isolated records in

Minnesota and Arkansas

Dromogomphus Selys—Spinylegs

Dromogomphus Selys, 1854: 58

Sci Name: running + Gomphus, probably a reference to long legs

Eng Name: hind femur long-spined

Generotype: Dromogomphus spinosus Selys, 1854

Dromogomphus armatus Selys-Southeastern Spinyleg

Dromogomphus armatus Selys, 1854: 59

TL: North America? [sic]

Sci Name: armed, a reference to long spines of metafemur

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Louisiana and North Carolina south to Florida

Dromogomphus spinosus Selys—Black-shouldered Spinyleg

Dromogomphus spinosus Selys, 1854: 59

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: spined, a reference to long spines of metafemur Eng Name: fused antehumeral and humeral black stripes

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Dromogomphus spoliatus (Hagen in Selys)—Flag-tailed Spinyleg

Gomphus spoliatus Hagen in Selys, 1858: 669

TL: Texas, Peros [= Pecos] River

Sci Name: bare, perhaps referring to absence of black band across face

Eng Name: abdominal club vertically flattened

Range: Colorado, Iowa and Ontario south to San Luis Potosí and Georgia

Erpetogomphus Selys—Ringtails

Erpetogomphus Selys, 1858: 329

Sci Name: reptile + Gomphus, probably from similarity to Ophiogomphus

Eng Name: pale abdominal rings

Generotype: Ophiogomphus crotalinus Hagen in Selys, 1854

Erpetogomphus compositus Hagen in Selys—White-belted Ringtail

Erpetogomphus compositus Hagen in Selys, 1858: 660

TL: Texas, Peros [= Pecos] River; restricted to near Roswell, Chaves Co., New Mexico, by Garrison (1994)

Sci Name: composite, allusion unknown Eng Name: white midlateral thoracic stripe

Range: Washington, Colorado and Texas south to Baja California Sur and Chihuahua

Erpetogomphus crotalinus (Hagen in Selys)—Yellow-legged Ringtail

Ophiogomphus crotalinus Hagen in Selys, 1854: 40

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: from rattlesnake genus Crotalus

Eng Name: yellow outer surfaces of tibiae

Range: Arizona and New Mexico south to Oaxaca

Erpetogomphus designatus Hagen in Selys-Eastern Ringtail

Erpetogomphus designatus Hagen in Selys, 1858: 661

TL: Texas, Peros [= Pecos] River; restricted to near Roswell, Chaves Co., New Mexico, by Garrison (1994)

Sci Name: marked, probably referring to bright markings of abdomen

Eng Name: easternmost member of genus in U.S.

Range: Montana, South Dakota, Illinois and Maryland south to Durango and Florida; isolated records in Nevada and Arizona

Erpetogomphus elaps Selys—Straight-tipped Ringtail

Erpetogomphus elaps Selys, 1858: 330

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: former name of coral snake genus Micrurus

Eng Name: male cerci straight and tubular

Range: Arizona and Tamaulipas south to Guatemala

Erpetogomphus eutainia Calvert—Blue-faced Ringtail

Erpetogomphus eutainia Calvert, 1905: 162

TL: Mexico, Guerrero, Rio Papagaio

Sci Name: former name for garter snake genus Thamnophis

Eng Name: blue color of frons Range: Texas south to Costa Rica

Erpetogomphus heterodon Garrison—Dashed Ringtail

Erpetogomphus heterodon Garrison, 1994: 230

TL: New Mexico, Catron County, Tularosa River just E of Aragon on N. Mex. 12

Sci Name: from hognose snake genus

Eng Name: markings on thorax mostly short lines Range: New Mexico and Texas south to Chihuahua

Erpetogomphus lampropeltis Kennedy—Serpent Ringtail

Erpetogomphus lampropeltis Kennedy, 1918: 297

TL: California, Ventura County, Sespe Creek at Fillmore

Sci Name: from kingsnake genus

Eng Name: snakelike banding on abdomen

Range: California and Texas south to Baja California Sur and Durango

Erpetogomphus molossus Bailowitz, Danforth & Upson-Black-tailed Ringtail

Erpetogomphus molossus Bailowitz, Danforth & Upson, 2013: 559

TL: Rancho Trigo Colón, 10 km S Hwy 16, Km 296, Yécora Municipio, Sonora, Mexico

Sci Name: from Crotalus molossus, Black-tailed Rattlesnake

Eng Name: from mostly dark abdomen Range: Far southern Arizona and Sonora

Gomphurus Needham—Majestic Clubtails

Gomphurus Needham, 1901: 446

Sci Name: Gomphus + tail, referring to wide club of all species

Eng Name: expanded posterior abdomen, largest species among related genera

Generotype: Gomphus vastus Walsh, 1862

Gomphurus crassus (Hagen in Selys)—Handsome Clubtail

Gomphus crassus Hagen in Selvs, 1878: 453

TL: Kentucky, Beespring

Sci Name: stout, probably intended in comparison with Gomphurus externus

Eng Name: attractive, well-defined color pattern Range: Indiana and Ohio south to Alabama

Gomphurus dilatatus (Rambur)—Blackwater Clubtail

Gomphus dilatatus Rambur, 1842: 155

TL: North America

Sci Name: dilated, from widened abdominal club

Eng Name: usual habitat with dark, tannic-acid-stained water Range: Louisiana, Tennessee and Virginia south to Florida

Gomphurus externus (Hagen in Selys)—Plains Clubtail

Gomphus externus Hagen in Selys, 1858: 671

TL: Texas, Peros [= Pecos] River

Sci Name: external, referring to distinctive features of the outside of the legs

Eng Name: geographic range and usual habitat

Range: Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ohio south to Utah, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana

Gomphurus fraternus (Say)—Midland Clubtail

Aeshna fraterna Say, 1840: 16

TL: United States

Sci Name: brotherly, referring to a close relationship with Gomphus vulgatissimus

Eng Name: range primarily in midcontinent

Range: Saskatchewan, Quebec and Maine south to Tennessee and North Carolina

Gomphurus gonzalezi (Dunkle)—Tamaulipan Clubtail

Gomphus (Gomphurus) gonzalezi Dunkle, 1992: 79

TL: Mexico, San Luis Potosí, Nacimiento del Rio Coy, ca. 25 km S Ciudad de Valles on Hwy 85

Sci Name: after Enrique González Soriano, Mexican odonatologist

Eng Name: distribution centered in Tamaulipan region of Mexico

Range: Texas south to San Luis Potosí

Gomphurus hybridus (Williamson)—Cocoa Clubtail

Gomphus hybridus Williamson, 1902: 47

TL: Tennessee, [Davidson County], Nashville, Cumberland River or Stone River

Sci Name: male similar to Gomphus fraternus and female to G. externus

Eng Name: coloration mostly brown

Range: Oklahoma, Indiana and Virginia south to Texas and Florida

Gomphurus lineatifrons (Calvert)—Splendid Clubtail

Gomphus lineatifrons Calvert, 1921: 222

TL: Pennsylvania, Perry County, Weaver

Sci Name: line-fronted, for black line bordering anterior frons

Eng Name: large size and bright markings

Range: Minnesota and Pennsylvania south to Missouri, Alabama and North Carolina

Gomphurus lynnae (Paulson)—Columbia Clubtail

Gomphus lynnae Paulson, 1983: 60

TL: Washington, Benton County, Yakima River 9 mi N of Benton City

Sci Name: after Lynn Erckmann, original collector

Eng Name: known distribution Columbia River basin

Range: Washington south to Nevada; isolated records in New Mexico

Gomphurus modestus (Needham)—Gulf Coast Clubtail

Gomphus modestus Needham, 1942: 72

TL: Mississippi, [George County], Lucedale

Sci Name: modest, possibly alluding to modesty of collector, Alice L. Dietrich, in not describing species herself

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Arkansas and Tennessee south to Texas and Florida

Gomphurus ozarkensis (Westfall)—Ozark Clubtail

Gomphus ozarkensis Westfall, 1975: 91

TL: Arkansas, Washington County, Devil's Den State Park

Sci & Eng Names: main geographic range

Range: Kansas and Missouri south to Oklahoma and Arkansas

Gomphurus septima (Westfall)—Septima's Clubtail

Gomphus septima Westfall, 1956: 253

TL: Alabama, Tuscaloosa County, Warrior River upstream from Blue Creek

Sci & Eng Names: after Septima Smith, American odonatologist

Range: New York southwest to South Carolina, also Alabama

Gomphurus vastus (Walsh)—Cobra Clubtail

Gomphus vastus Walsh, 1862: 391

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: large, probably a reference to wide abdominal club

Eng Name: wide abdominal club resembles spread hood of cobra (*Naja*) Range: Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Gomphurus ventricosus (Walsh)—Skillet Clubtail

Gomphus ventricosus Walsh, 1864: 249

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: a remarkable paunch, probably a reference to wide abdominal club

Eng Name: thin abdomen with wide club resembles frying pan

Range: Minnesota, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina

Hagenius Selys—Dragonhunter

Hagenius Selys, 1854: 82

Sci Name: after Hermann A. Hagen, German-American odonatologist

Eng Name: commonly preys on other Odonata Generotype: *Hagenius brevistylus* Selys, 1854

Hagenius brevistylus Selys-Dragonhunter

Hagenius brevistylus Selys, 1854: 82

TL: Colombia [South America], in error

Sci Name: short-styled, probably refers to short cerci

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Hylogomphus Needham, Westfall & May-Bantam Clubtails

Hylogomphus Needham, Westfall & May, 2000: 332

Sci Name: woodland + *Gomphus*, presumably referring to woodland habitat Eng Name: expanded posterior abdomen, smallest species among related genera

Generotype: Gomphus adelphus Selys, 1858

Hylogomphus abbreviatus (Hagen in Selys)—Spine-crowned Clubtail

Gomphus abbreviatus Hagen in Selys, 1878: 464

Type Series: Maine, Orono; Massachusetts, Provincetown

Sci Name: short, because of similarity to *H. brevis* (now *adelphus*)

Eng Name: spines on vertex of female

Range: Maine and New Brunswick south to South Carolina; isolated record in Ohio

Hylogomphus adelphus (Selys)—Mustached Clubtail

Gomphus adelphus Selys, 1858: 673

TL: New York

Sci Name: kinsman, refers to assumed relationship to Gomphus fraternus

Eng Name: black facial markings mustachelike

Range: Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Tennessee and Georgia

Hylogomphus apomyius (Donnelly)—Banner Clubtail

Gomphus apomyius Donnelly, 1966: 102

TL: Texas, San Jacinto County, Big Creek 2 mi W of Shepherd on TX 150

Sci Name: one who drives away flies, alluding to aggressive nature of males

Eng Name: males patrolling over water hold abdominal club high, flaglike

Range: Oklahoma, Tennessee and New Jersey south to Texas and Georgia

Hylogomphus geminatus (Carle)—Twin-striped Clubtail

Gomphus geminatus Carle, 1979: 423

TL: Florida, Santa Rosa County, Pond Creek at Rt 191

Sci Name: twinned, from two lateral thoracic stripes

Eng Name: two dark lateral thoracic stripes

Range: Mississippi and Georgia south to Florida

Hylogomphus parvidens (Currie)—Piedmont Clubtail

Gomphus parvidens Currie, 1917: 223

TL: Maryland, Prince Georges County, Lakeland, near the Anacostia River

Sci Name: small tooth, probably alludes to smaller spine on male cerci relative to other species

Eng Name: primary geographic range in Appalachian Piedmont

Range: Alabama east and north to Tennessee and Maryland

Hylogomphus viridifrons (Hine)—Green-faced Clubtail

Gomphus viridifrons Hine, 1901: 60

Type Series: Ohio, Loudonville; Pennsylvania, Ohio Pile [= Ohiopyle]

Sci Name: green-fronted, from green face

Eng Name: face unmarked green

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and New York south to Alabama and Georgia

Lanthus Needham—Pygmy Clubtails

Lanthus Needham, 1897: 166

Sci Name: to escape notice, referring to secretive habits

Eng Name: small size and clubbed abdomen Generotype: *Gomphus parvulus* Selys, 1854

Lanthus parvulus (Selys)—Northern Pygmy Clubtail

Gomphus parvulus Selys, 1854: 56

TL: Nova Scotia

Sci Name: very small, referring to size

Eng Name: more northerly range than L. vernalis

Range: Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Kentucky and Virginia

Lanthus vernalis Carle—Southern Pygmy Clubtail

Lanthus vernalis Carle, 1980: 175

TL: Virginia, Craig County, Cove Branch

Sci Name: vernal, referring to spring flight season

Eng Name: more southerly range than L. parvulus

Range: Ohio and New Brunswick southwest to Tennessee and Georgia

Octogomphus Selys—Grappletail

Octogomphus Selys, 1873: 759

Sci Name: eight + Gomphus, referring to eight-branched male abdominal appendages

Eng Name: large, hooked male cerci and epiproct

Generotype: Neogomphus specularis Hagen in Selys, 1859

Octogomphus specularis (Hagen in Selys)—Grappletail

Neogomphus? [sic] specularis Hagen in Selys, 1859: 544

TL: California

Sci Name: like a mirror, perhaps speculation as to its correct genus

Eng Name: as genus

Range: British Columbia south to Baja California Sur

Ophiogomphus Selys—Snaketails

Ophiogomphus Selys, 1854: 39

Sci Name: snake + Gomphus, referring to ringed snakelike abdominal pattern

Eng Name: abdomen with snakelike markings Generotype: *Aeschna serpentina* Charpentier, 1825

Ophiogomphus acuminatus Carle—Acuminate Snaketail

Ophiogomphus acuminatus Carle, 1981: 272

TL: Tennessee, Lewis County, Jacks Branch 12 km N of U.S. 64 along Natchez Trace

Sci & Eng Names: pointed, referring to male cerci

Range: Kentucky to Alabama

Ophiogomphus anomalus Harvey—Extra-striped Snaketail

Ophiogomphus anomalus Harvey, 1898: 60

TL: Maine, [Penobscot County], Orono

Sci Name: anomalous, referring to unusual male epiproct

Eng Name: dark midlateral thoracic stripe not present in other North American Ophiogomphus

Range: Ontario and Minnesota east to New Brunswick and New Jersey

Ophiogomphus arizonicus Kennedy—Arizona Snaketail

Ophiogomphus arizonicus Kennedy, 1917: 538

TL: Arizona, Huachuca Mountains

Sci & Eng Names: after type locality

Range: Arizona and New Mexico

Ophiogomphus aspersus Morse—Brook Snaketail

Ophiogomphus aspersus Morse, 1895: 209

TL: Massachusetts, [Norfolk County], Wellesley; possibly Ohio, Indiana or Illinois [but not known from those states]

Sci Name: sprinkled, probably referring to abdominal spots

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, also Virginia to North Carolina

Ophiogomphus australis Carle—Southern Snaketail

Ophiogomphus australis Carle, 1992: 142

TL: Louisiana, Tangipahoa Par., Tangipahoa R. at Rt. 38, 5 km E of Kentwood

Sci Name: southern, referring to distribution

Eng Name: southern distribution

Range: Gulf Coast from southeastern Louisiana to southwestern Georgia

Ophiogomphus bison Selys—Bison Snaketail

Ophiogomphus bison Selys, 1873: 496

TL: California

Sci & Eng Names: female occipital spines resemble bison horns

Range: Oregon to California; isolated record in Nevada

Ophiogomphus carolus Needham—Riffle Snaketail

Ophiogomphus carolus Needham, 1897: 183

TL: New York, [Tompkins County], Ithaca

Sci Name: probably referring to Carolus Linnaeus

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Manitoba and New Brunswick south to Wisconsin, Ohio and Virginia

Ophiogomphus colubrinus Selys-Boreal Snaketail

Ophiogomphus colubrinus Selys, 1854: 40

TL: Hudson Bay Territory

Sci Name: snakelike, referring to similarity to O. serpentinus (now O. cecilia)

Eng Name: northern geographic range

Range: British Columbia and Northwest Territories to Newfoundland, south in East to Minnesota and New York

Ophiogomphus edmundo Needham—Edmund's Snaketail

Ophiogomphus edmundo Needham, 1951: 41

TL: North Carolina

Sci & Eng Names: after describer's grandson Edmund

Range: Tennessee and Virginia south to Georgia and South Carolina

Ophiogomphus howei Bromley—Pygmy Snaketail

Ophiogomphus howei Bromley, 1924: 343

TL: Massachusetts, [Hampshire County], Amherst, campus of Massachusetts Agricultural College

Sci Name: after R. Heber Howe, Jr., American odonatologist

Eng Name: very small size

Range: Minnesota and Wisconsin, separate range from New Brunswick southwest to Georgia; one Michigan record

Ophiogomphus incurvatus Carle—Appalachian Snaketail

Ophiogomphus incurvatus Carle, 1982: 335

TL: Virginia, Charlotte County, Spring Creek at Rt 654

Sci Name: male cerci incurved Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Pennsylvania southwest to Alabama

Ophiogomphus mainensis Packard—Maine Snaketail

Ophiogomphus mainensis Packard in Walsh, 1864: 255

TL: Maine [implied]

Sci & Eng Names: after type locality

Range: Quebec and New Brunswick southwest to Tennessee and Georgia

Ophiogomphus morrisoni Selys-Great Basin Snaketail

Ophiogomphus morrisoni Selys, 1879: 45

TL: Nevada

Sci Name: after Herbert K. Morrison, American entomologist

Eng Name: range in Great Basin

Range: Oregon south to California, east to Nevada and Utah

Ophiogomphus occidentis Hagen—Sinuous Snaketail

Ophiogomphus occidentis Hagen, 1885: 259

TL: Oregon, [Umatilla County], Umatilla

Sci Name: western, referring to geographic range

Eng Name: antehumeral dark thoracic stripe undulate

Range: British Columbia and Montana south to California and Nevada; isolated record in Utah

Ophiogomphus rupinsulensis (Walsh)—Rusty Snaketail

Erpetogomphus? [sic] rupinsulensis Walsh, 1862: 388

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: rocky island, referring to type locality

Eng Name: markings on abdominal club rusty brown

Range: Saskatchewan and New Brunswick south to Iowa, Tennessee and North Carolina

Ophiogomphus severus Hagen—Pale Snaketail

Ophiogomphus severus Hagen in Hayden, 1874: 591 Type Series: Colorado, Montana and Wyoming Sci Name: severe, sober, austere; allusion unknown

Eng Name: coloration pale

Range: British Columbia and Saskatchewan south to California, New Mexico and Kansas

Ophiogomphus smithi Tennessen & Vogt—Sioux Snaketail

Ophiogomphus smithi Tennessen & Vogt, 2004: 540

TL: Wisconsin, Eau Claire County, confluence of South Fork Eau Claire River and Horse Creek

Sci Name: named after William A. Smith, North American entomologist

Eng Name: range corresponds in part to Sioux Indian tribe

Range: Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin

Ophiogomphus susbehcha Vogt & Smith—St. Croix Snaketail

Ophiogomphus susbehcha Vogt & Smith, 1993: 503

Type Locality: Wisconsin, Burnett County, County O Boat Landing, T37N, R20W, Sec. 20, Saint Croix River

Sci Name: dragonfly in Lakota Sioux Eng Name: described from St. Croix River

Range: Minnesota and Wisconsin; disjunct populations in Virginia

Ophiogomphus westfalli Cook & Daigle—Westfall's Snaketail

Ophiogomphus westfalli Cook & Daigle, 1985: 90

TL: Arkansas, Montgomery County, Norman, Caddo River at Rt. 177

Sci & Eng Names: after Minter J. Westfall, Jr., American odonatologist

Range: Missouri and Arkansas; isolated records in Iowa

Phanogomphus Carle—American Clubtails

Phanogomphus Carle, 1986: 296

Sci Name: lantern + Gomphus; name alludes to a subdued lantern, referring to relatively narrow club

Eng Name: expanded posterior abdomen, largest group of North American clubtails

Generotype: Gomphus minutus Rambur, 1842

Phanogomphus australis (Needham)—Clearlake Clubtail

Arigomphus australis Needham, 1897: 184

TL: Florida, Orange County, Gotha

Sci Name: southern, referring to geographic range

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Louisiana and North Carolina south to Florida

Phanogomphus borealis (Needham in Needham and Betten)—Beaverpond Clubtail

Gomphus descriptus borealis Needham in Needham and Betten, 1901: 453

Type Series: New Hampshire, Franconia; New York, Saranac Inn at Otisville Road, Little Clear Pond and Bone Pond and Town of Saranac Lake at Colby Pond

Sci Name: northern, referring to geographic range

Eng Name: common habitat

Range: Ontario and New Brunswick south to Pennsylvania; isolated records in Virginia and North Carolina

Phanogomphus cavillaris (Needham)—Sandhill Clubtail

Gomphus cavillaris Needham, 1902: 276

TL: [Florida, Seminole County], Fort Reed

Sci Name: pertaining to jesting, allusion unknown

Eng Name: inhabits lakes in sandhills region

Range: Alabama and Georgia south to Florida; isolated records in North Carolina

Phanogomphus descriptus (Banks)—Harpoon Clubtail

Gomphus descriptus Banks, 1896: 194

TL: New York, [Tompkins County], Ithaca

Sci Name: described, allusion unknown

Eng Name: male abdomen long, tipped with barbed cerci

Range: Ontario and New Brunswick south to Tennessee and North Carolina

Phanogomphus diminutus (Needham)—Diminutive Clubtail

Gomphus diminutus Needham, 1950: 6

TL: North Carolina, [Moore County], Aberdeen

Sci & Eng Names: small size Range: North Carolina to Georgia

Phanogomphus exilis (Selys)—Lancet Clubtail

Gomphus exilis Selys, 1854: 55

TL: United States

Sci Name: slender, referring to abdomen

Eng Name: male abdomen long, tipped with bladelike cerci

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Louisiana and Florida

Phanogomphus graslinellus (Walsh)—Pronghorn Clubtail

Gomphus graslinellus Walsh, 1862: 394

TL: Illinois, either Rock Island County or Cook County

Sci Name: a little *graslini*, for similarity to *Gomphus graslini* Rambur of Europe, named after Adolphe-Hercule de Graslin, French entomologist

Eng Name: male cerci resemble shape of pronghorn horns

Range: British Columbia to Ontario, south to Washington, Colorado, Texas, Arkansas and Kentucky

Phanogomphus hodgesi (Needham)—Hodges's Clubtail

Gomphus hodgesi Needham, 1950: 8

TL: Alabama, Baldwin County, 1 mi S of Old Spanish Fort

Sci & Eng Names: after Robert S. Hodges, American odonatologist

Range: Louisiana to Florida

Phanogomphus kurilis (Hagen in Selys)—Pacific Clubtail

Gomphus kurilis Hagen in Selys, 1858: 392

TL: unknown [Kurile Islands of Siberia in error]

Sci Name: for type locality

Eng Name: geographic range along Pacific coast Range: Washington and Idaho south to California

Phanogomphus lividus (Selys)—Ashy Clubtail

Gomphus lividus Selys, 1854: 53

TL: United States

Sci Name: lead-colored, a reference to dull coloration

Eng Name: gray-brown coloration

Range: Manitoba and Quebec south to Texas and Florida

Phanogomphus militaris (Hagen in Selys)—Sulphur-tipped Clubtail

Gomphus militaris Hagen in Selys, 1858: 676

TL: Texas, Peros [= Pecos] River

Sci Name: military, allusion unknown but perhaps collected on a military expedition

Eng Name: abdominal club bright yellow

Range: Colorado, Nebraska and Illinois south to New Mexico, Nuevo León and Louisiana

Phanogomphus minutus (Rambur)—Cypress Clubtail

Gomphus minutus Rambur, 1842: 161

TL: unknown

Sci Name: minute, referring to small size

Eng Name: commonly associated with bald-cypress trees

Range: Georgia and Florida, barely into Alabama and South Carolina

Phanogomphus oklahomensis (Pritchard)—Oklahoma Clubtail

Gomphus oklahomensis Pritchard, 1935: 1

TL: Oklahoma, [Latimer County], Fourche Moline Creek 8 mi N of Wilburton

Sci & Eng Names: for type locality

Range: Oklahoma and Texas east through Arkansas and Louisiana

Phanogomphus quadricolor (Walsh)—Rapids Clubtail

Gomphus quadricolor Walsh, 1864: 246

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: adult four-colored: black, lilac, green and yellow

Eng Name: associated with swift currents

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Maine south to Arkansas, Alabama and North Carolina

Phanogomphus sandrius (Tennessen)—Tennessee Clubtail

Gomphus sandrius Tennessen, 1983: 743

TL: Tennessee, Bedford County, Fall Creek at Ben Williams Road, 10 km NW of Shelbyville

Sci Name: after Sandra Tennessen, wife of describer Eng Name: described and known only from Tennessee

Range: Tennessee

Phanogomphus spicatus (Hagen in Selys)—Dusky Clubtail

Gomphus spicatus Hagen in Selys, 1854: 54

TL: New York

Sci Name: spined, probably a reference to spines on male cerci

Eng Name: dull coloration

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and Prince Edward Island south to Illinois, Ohio, Maryland and New Jersey

Phanogomphus westfalli (Carle & May)—Westfall's Clubtail

Gomphus westfalli Carle & May, 1987: 68

TL: Florida, Santa Rosa County, Blackwater State Forest, Ates Creek at Carr Lake dam site near state fish hatchery at Holt

Sci & Eng Names: after Minter J. Westfall, Jr., American odonatologist

Range: Florida

Phyllocycla Calvert—Lesser Forceptails

Phyllocycla Calvert, 1948: 62

Sci Name: reversal of older name *Cyclophylla*, round-leaved, referring to rounded leaflike flanges on sides of abdominal club

Eng Name: smaller than greater forceptails Aphylla, with similar forceps-like male cerci

Generotype: Cyclophylla signata Hagen, 1854

Phyllocycla breviphylla Belle—Ringed Forceptail

Phyllocycla breviphylla Belle, 1975: 65

TL: Mexico, San Luis Potosí, El Salto

Sci Name: short-leaved, referring to leaflike flanges on sides of abdominal club

Eng Name: abdomen prominently pale-ringed

Range: Texas south along Caribbean Mexico to Costa Rica

Phyllogomphoides Belle—Leaftails

Phyllogomphoides Belle, 1970: 112

Sci Name: leaf + Gomphoides, referring to abdominal flanges Eng Name: lateral flanges on eighth abdominal segment leaflike

Generotype: Gomphoides fuliginosa Hagen in Selys, 1854

Phyllogomphoides albrighti (Needham)—Five-striped Leaftail

Gomphoides albrighti Needham, 1950: 1

TL: Texas, Bexar County, San Antonio River near Berg's Mill Sci Name: after Paul [= Philip] N. Albright, collector of holotype

Eng Name: five dark lateral thoracic stripes

Range: Texas south to Guerrero and Veracruz; isolated record in New Mexico

Phyllogomphoides nayaritensis Belle—West Mexican Leaftail

Phyllogomphoides nayaritensis Belle, 1987: 11

TL: Mexico, Nayarit, Acaponeta

Sci Name: of Nayarit

Eng Name: known only from western side of Mexico Range: Sonora south to Jalisco; vagrant to New Mexico

Phyllogomphoides stigmatus (Say)—Four-striped Leaftail

Aeshna stigmata Say, 1840: 17

TL: unknown

Sci Name: stigmate, referring to large pterostigma Eng Name: four dark lateral thoracic stripes

Range: New Mexico and Oklahoma south to Coahuila and Nuevo León

Progomphus Selys—Sanddragons

Progomphus Selys, 1854: 69

Sci Name: first + Gomphus, probably referring to primitive position of genus

Eng Name: sandy larval habitat

Generotype: Progomphus gracilis Hagen in Selys, 1854

Progomphus alachuensis Byers—Tawny Sanddragon

Progomphus alachuensis Byers, 1939: 50

TL: Florida, Alachua County, Newnan's Lake, 4 mi E of Gainesville

Sci Name: after type locality

Eng Name: overall coloration yellow-brown

Range: Georgia and Florida

Progomphus bellei Knopf & Tennessen—Belle's Sanddragon

Progomphus bellei Knopf & Tennessen, 1980: 247

TL: Florida, Calhoun County, Juniper Creek at Rt 20

Sci & Eng Names: after Jean Belle, Dutch odonatologist

Range: Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina

Progomphus borealis McLachlan in Selys-Gray Sanddragon

Progomphus borealis MacLachlan [sic] in Selys, 1873: 764

TL: Oregon

Sci Name: distribution northerly for a Progomphus

Eng Name: sides of thorax gray

Range: California and Idaho east to Texas, south to Baja California Sur and Michoacan

Progomphus obscurus (Rambur)—Common Sanddragon

Diastatomma obscura Rambur, 1842: 170

TL: North America

Sci Name: obscure, dark; probably refers to subdued coloration

Eng Name: most widespread North American Progomphus

Range: Nebraska, Wisconsin and Maine south to New Mexico, Texas and Florida

Stenogomphurus Carle—Appalachian Clubtails

Stenogomphurus Carle, 1986: 296

Sci Name: narrow + Gomphurus, similar to Gomphurus but without the large club

Eng Name: expanded posterior abdomen, restricted to Appalachians

Generotype: Gomphus consanguis Selys, 1879

Stenogomphurus consanguis (Selys)—Cherokee Clubtail

Gomphus consanguis Selys, 1879: 66

TL: North Carolina

Sci Name: related by blood, continuing a tradition in other Gomphus of expressing close relationships

Eng Name: after Cherokee Indians of region Range: Virginia and North Carolina to Alabama

Stenogomphurus rogersi (Gloyd)—Sable Clubtail

Gomphus rogersi Gloyd, 1936: 1

TL: Tennessee, Fentress County, Long Creek

Sci Name: after J. Speed Rogers, American entomologist

Eng Name: sable-black abdomen

Range: Pennsylvania and New York to Alabama and Georgia

Stylogomphus Fraser—Least Clubtails

Stylogomphus Fraser, 1922: 69

Sci Name: style + Gomphus, referring to attenuate male cerci

Eng Name: small size and clubbed abdomen Generotype: *Stylogomphus inglisi* Fraser, 1922

Stylogomphus albistylus (Hagen in Selys)—Eastern Least Clubtail

Gomphus albistylus Hagen in Selys, 1878: 460

TL: Maine

Sci Name: white-styled, referring to white cerci

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec west to Minnesota and south to Mississippi and Georgia

Stylogomphus sigmastylus Cook & Laudermilk—Interior Least Clubtail

Stylogomphus sigmastylus Cook & Laudermilk, 2004: 5

TL: Tennessee, Lewis County, Big Swan Creek near Gordonsburg Church of Christ

Sci Name: sigma-styled, referring to somewhat S-shaped male cerci

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Kansas, Indiana and Kentucky south to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama

Stylurus Needham—Hanging Clubtails

Stylurus Needham, 1897: 166

Sci Name: style-tailed, referring to elongate ninth abdominal segment of larva

Eng Name: most species hang with abdomen down when perched

Generotype: Gomphus plagiatus Selys, 1854

Stylurus amnicola (Walsh)—Riverine Clubtail

Gomphus amnicola Walsh, 1862: 396

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: river-inhabiting, referring to habitat

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Nebraska, Manitoba and Quebec south to Kansas, Kentucky and North Carolina; isolated records in Mississippi River drainage south to Louisiana, also South Carolina and Georgia

Stylurus intricatus (Hagen in Selys)—Brimstone Clubtail

Gomphus intricatus Hagen in Selys, 1858: 678

TL: Texas, Peros [= Pecos] River

Sci Name: intricate, complex, probably a reference to similarity to other species

Eng Name: overall yellow coloration and high temperature of habitat

Range: California east to Iowa and Missouri, south to Chihuahua and western Texas; north to Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan

Stylurus ivae Williamson—Shining Clubtail

Stylurus ivae Williamson, 1932: 12

TL: Georgia, Burke County, Brier Creek near Keysville

Sci Name: after Ivy Ditzler, member of party that collected holotype

Eng Name: thorax and abdominal club of patrolling males appear as two white shining spots

Range: Alabama and North Carolina south to Florida

Stylurus laurae Williamson—Laura's Clubtail

Stylurus laurae Williamson, 1932: 3

TL: South Carolina, Greenville County, North Saluda River on U.S. 25

Sci & Eng Names: after Laura Ditzler, member of group that collected holotype

Range: Michigan to Maryland south to Texas and Florida

Stylurus notatus (Rambur)—Elusive Clubtail

Gomphus notatus Rambur, 1842: 162

TL: unknown

Sci Name: marked, perhaps referring to distinct yellow markings on front of thorax

Eng Name: species seldom seen

Range: Saskatchewan and Quebec south to Nebraska, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia and Maryland

Stylurus olivaceus (Selys)—Olive Clubtail

Gomphus olivaceus Selys, 1873: 749

TL: California

Sci Name: olivaceous, referring to olive-green coloration

Eng Name: coloration olive-green

Range: British Columbia and Montana south to California and Utah

Stylurus plagiatus (Selys)—Russet-tipped Clubtail

Gomphus plagiatus Selys, 1854: 57

TL: United States

Sci Name: transverse or oblique, probably referring to position of stripes on thorax

Eng Name: abdominal club orange-brown in most populations

Range: South Dakota, Minnesota and New York south to Nuevo León and Florida, west to California and Nevada

Stylurus potulentus Needham—Yellow-sided Clubtail

Gomphus (Stylurus) potulentus Needham, 1942: 71

TL: Mississippi, [Greene County], Whisky Creek near Leaf

Sci Name: tipsy, probably referring to creek name

Eng Name: sides of thorax greenish yellow

Range: Mississippi to Florida

Stylurus scudderi (Selys)—Zebra Clubtail

Gomphus scudderi Selys, 1873: 752

TL: United States

Sci Name: after Samuel H. Scudder, American entomologist

Eng Name: marked with alternate black and pale areas like a zebra

Range: Minnesota, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Georgia; isolated record in Indiana

Stylurus spiniceps (Walsh)—Arrow Clubtail

Macrogomphus? [sic] spiniceps Walsh, 1862: 389

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: spine-headed, referring to spines on female vertex

Eng Name: elongate body and rapid flight

Range: Minnesota, Quebec and New Hampshire south to Arkansas and Georgia

Stylurus townesi Gloyd—Townes's Clubtail

Stylurus townesi Gloyd, 1936: 5

TL: South Carolina, [Pickens County], South Saluda River near Greenville, a few miles downstream from reservoir at Table Rock Mountain

Sci & Eng Names: after Henry K. Townes, Jr., American entomologist and collector of holotype Range: North and South Carolina, also Louisiana to Florida

CORDULEGASTRIDAE—Spiketails

Cordulegaster Leach—Spiketails

Cordulegaster Leach, 1815: 139

Sci Name: club + belly, referring to clubbed abdomen

Eng Name: straight, pointed ovipositor Generotype: *Libellula boltonii* Donovan, 1807

Cordulegaster bilineata (Carle)—Brown Spiketail

Zoraena bilineata Carle, 1983: 61

TL: Virginia, Tazewell County, small tributary of Cove Creek along Rt. 662

Sci Name: two narrow yellow lateral thoracic stripes

Eng Name: brown background coloration

Range: Michigan and Pennsylvania south to Louisiana and Georgia

Cordulegaster diadema Selys-Apache Spiketail

Cordulegaster diadema Selys, 1868: 68

Type Series: Orizaba [Veracruz] and Cuernavaca [Morelos]

Sci Name: band around a crown, probably referring to yellow frons surrounded by black

Eng Name: after Apache Indians of region Range: Utah and New Mexico south to Panama

Cordulegaster diastatops (Selys)—Delta-spotted Spiketail

Thecaphora diastatops Selys, 1854: 101

TL: Colombia, in error Sci Name: separated eyes

Eng Name: yellow abdominal spots triangular

Range: Michigan, Ontario and Quebec south to Illinois, West Virginia and Delaware

Cordulegaster dorsalis Hagen in Selys—Pacific Spiketail

Cordulegaster dorsalis Hagen in Selys, 1858: 607

TL: Alaska, Sitka

Sci Name: dorsal, referring to yellow abdominal spots

Eng Name: far western geographic range

Range: British Columbia and Montana south to Baja California Norte, Arizona and New Mexico; historic record from Alaska

Cordulegaster erronea Hagen in Selys-Tiger Spiketail

Cordulegaster erroneus Hagen in Selys, 1878: 688

Type Series: Kentucky, Beespring; North Carolina, Marganton [probably = Morgantown]

Sci Name: straying or erroneous, allusion unknown Eng Name: yellow-and-black-banded color pattern

Range: Michigan and Vermont south to Louisiana and Georgia

Cordulegaster maculata Selys—Twin-spotted Spiketail

Cordulegaster maculatus Selys, 1854: 105

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: spotted, referring to abdominal spots Eng Name: yellow abdominal spots in pairs

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and Prince Edward Island south to Texas and Florida

Cordulegaster obliqua (Say)—Arrowhead Spiketail

Aeshna obliqua Say, 1840: 15

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: oblique, referring to yellow frontal thoracic stripes Eng Name: pale dorsal abdominal spots arrowhead-shaped Range: Minnesota, Quebec and Maine south to Texas and Florida

Cordulegaster sarracenia Abbott & Hibbitts—Sarracenia Spiketail

Cordulegaster sarracenia Abbott & Hibbitts, 2011: 61

TL: Texas, Angelina County, Angelina National Forest, 0.8 mi N Boykin Springs Recreation Area

Sci & Eng Name: after Sarracenia, a genus of pitcher plants

Range: Texas and Louisiana

Cordulegaster sayi Selys—Say's Spiketail

Cordulegaster sayi Selys, 1854: 104

TL: Georgia

Sci & Eng Names: after Thomas Say, American entomologist

Range: Georgia and Florida

Cordulegaster talaria Tennessen—Ouachita Spiketail

Cordulegaster talaria Tennessen, 2004: 830

TL: Arkansas, Montgomery County, first-order tributary of Caddo River, Caddo Gap

Sci Name: wings about the ankles, referring to low flight of males in sexual patrol

Eng Name: restricted to Ouachita Mountains

Range: Oklahoma and Arkansas

MACROMIIDAE—Cruisers

Didymops Rambur—Brown Cruisers

Didymops Rambur, 1842: 142

Sci Name: double-eyed, referring to posterior process on each eye looking like a second eye

Eng Name: brown coloration and long male sexual patrols

Generotype: Didymops servillei Rambur, 1842 (= Libellula transversa Say, 1840)

Didymops floridensis Davis-Florida Cruiser

Didymops floridensis Davis, 1921: 110 TL: Florida, [Polk County], Lakeland Sci & Eng Names: geographic range

Range: Alabama and Florida

Didymops transversa (Say)—Stream Cruiser

Libellula transversa Say, 1840: 18

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: transverse, perhaps referring to pale band anterior to or between wings

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Macromia Rambur—River Cruisers

Macromia Rambur, 1842: 137

Sci Name: equally long, perhaps referring to the species he described being as large as other large dragonflies

Eng Name: habitat and long male sexual patrols Generotype: *Macromia cingulata* Rambur, 1842

Macromia alleghaniensis Williamson—Allegheny River Cruiser

Macromia alleghaniensis Williamson, 1909: 376

TL: Pennsylvania, [Fayette County], Ohiopyle [Youghiogheny River]

Sci & Eng Names: type locality and primary distribution

Range: Illinois, Michigan and Rhode Island south to Oklahoma, Mississippi and Florida

Macromia annulata Hagen—Bronzed River Cruiser

Macromia annulata Hagen, 1861: 133

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: ringed, for pale ring on second abdominal segment

Eng Name: general coloration

Range: New Mexico and Oklahoma south to San Luis Potosí

Macromia illinoiensis Walsh—Swift River Cruiser

Macromia illinoiensis Walsh, 1862: 397

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: type locality

Eng Name: swift flight (as in all other river cruisers)

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Macromia magnifica McLachlan in Selys-Western River Cruiser

Macromia magnifica MacLachlan (sic) in Selys, 1874: 22

TL: California

Sci Name: magnificent, probably referring to large size

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: British Columbia and Utah south to Hidalgo

Macromia margarita Westfall—Mountain River Cruiser

Macromia margarita Westfall, 1947: 32

TL: North Carolina, [Transylvania County], Little River near Brevard

Sci Name: after Margaret S. Westfall, wife of describer

Eng Name: range in uplands

Range: Tennessee and Virginia south to Alabama and South Carolina

Macromia pacifica Hagen—Gilded River Cruiser

Macromia pacifica Hagen, 1861: 134

TL: North America at latitude 38 deg.

Sci Name: holotype collected on a Pacific Railroad survey

Eng Name: extensive yellow markings

Range: Iowa and Ohio southwest to Texas and Tennessee; isolated records in Montana

Macromia taeniolata Rambur—Royal River Cruiser

Macromia taeniolata Rambur, 1842: 139

TL: North America

Sci Name: little band or ribbon, probably referring to pale midlateral thoracic band

Eng Name: size large relative to other Macromia

Range: Kansas, Minnesota, Ontario and Delaware south to Texas and Florida

CORDULIDAE—Emeralds

Cordulia Leach—Common Emeralds

Cordulia Leach, 1815: 137

Sci Name: club, for expanded male abdomen Eng Name: bright green, jewellike eyes Generotype: *Libellula aenea* Linnaeus, 1758

Cordulia shurtleffii Scudder—American Emerald

Cordulia shurtleffii Scudder, 1866: 217

TL: New Hampshire, [Coos County], White Mountains, Hermit Lake at mouth of Tuckerman's Ravine

Sci Name: after C. A. Shurtleff, friend of describer

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Alaska to Labrador and south to California, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and North Carolina

Dorocordulia Needham in Needham and Betten—Little Emeralds

Dorocordulia Needham in Needham and Betten, 1901: 504

Sci Name: leather bag + Cordulia, allusion unknown

Eng Name: small size and bright green eyes Generotype: *Cordulia libera* Selys, 1871

Dorocordulia lepida (Hagen in Selys)—Petite Emerald

Cordulia lepida Hagen in Selys, 1871: 264

Type Series: Maryland; Massachusetts; New Jersey; New York, Albany

Sci Name: pleasant, charming, one of many references to how dragonflies are loved

Eng Name: small size

Range: New York, Maine and Nova Scotia south to West Virginia and New Jersey

Dorocordulia libera (Selys)—Racket-tailed Emerald

Cordulia libera Selys, 1871: 263

TL: Canada

Sci Name: free, referring to uncrossed discoidal triangles in wings

Eng Name: abdomen shaped something like tennis racket

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana and Maryland

Epitheca Burmeister—Baskettails

Epitheca Burmeister, 1839: 845

Sci Name: a cover, referring to the female subgenital plate Eng Name: females carry egg ball with subgenital plate Generotype: *Libellula bimaculata* Charpentier, 1825

Epitheca canis (McLachlan)—Beaverpond Baskettail

Tetragoneuria canis McLachlan, 1886: 104

TL: Washington Territory [Washington state]

Sci Name: a dog, male cerci resemble a dog's head in profile

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: British Columbia to Nova Scotia, south to California in the west, south to Minnesota, West Virginia and New Jersey in the east; isolated record in Indiana

Epitheca costalis (Selys)—Slender Baskettail

Cordulia costalis Selys, 1871: 39 (reprint)

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: some females with brown costal wing stripe

Eng Name: abdomen a bit slenderer than in other baskettails

Range: Iowa, Michigan and New Jersey south to Texas and Florida

Epitheca cynosura (Say)—Common Baskettail

Libellula cynosura Say, 1840: 30

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: dog tail, allusion perhaps to divergent male cerci looking like end points of dog's tail wag in dorsal view; or possibly refers to hairiness, although not particularly hairy

Eng Name: most common Epitheca where it occurs

Range: Wyoming, Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Epitheca petechialis (Muttkowski)—Dot-winged Baskettail

Tetragoneuria petechialis Muttkowski, 1911: 10

TL: Texas, Blanco County, Round Mountain

Sci Name: spotted, referring to dark spots on wing

Eng Name: dark spots on wing

Range: Wyoming and South Dakota south to New Mexico, Nuevo León and Louisiana

Epitheca princeps Hagen—Prince Baskettail

Epitheca princeps Hagen, 1861: 134

Type Series: Georgia; Maryland; Texas, Pecos River

Sci & Eng Names: first or chief, referring to large size relative to other *Epitheca*

Range: Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to New Mexico, Tamaulipas and Florida

Epitheca semiaquea (Burmeister)—Mantled Baskettail

Libellula semiaquea Burmeister, 1839: 858

TL: [Georgia, Chatham County], Savannah

Sci Name: half water, perhaps alludes to half of hindwing as clear as water or forewings clear in contrast with hindwings

Eng Name: brown basal half of wings resemble covering for body

Range: Nova Scotia to Florida on Atlantic coastal plain, also Kansas to Texas and Louisiana; isolated possibly incorrect records in Kentucky and Tennessee

Epitheca sepia (Gloyd)—Sepia Baskettail

Tetragoneuria sepia Gloyd, 1933: 2

TL: Florida, Madison County, Aucilla River near Pettis Springs 6 mi W of Greenville

Sci & Eng Names: extensive sepia-brown color, darker than other species

Range: Alabama, Georgia and Florida

Epitheca spinigera (Selys)—Spiny Baskettail

Cordulia spinigera Selys, 1871: 269

TL: Canada

Sci Name: spine-bearing, referring to male cerci

Eng Name: spines on male cerci

Range: British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to California, Montana, Nebraska, Michigan and New Jersey; isolated records in Illinois but absent from western Great Plains

Epitheca spinosa (Hagen in Selys)—Robust Baskettail

Cordulia spinosa Hagen in Selys, 1878: 188

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: spiny, referring to spines on male cerci

Eng Name: body robust

Range: New Jersey south to South Carolina, very sparse records south to Florida and west to Oklahoma and Texas

Epitheca stella (Williamson in Muttkowski)—Florida Baskettail

Tetragoneuria stella Williamson in Muttkowski, 1911: 96 TL: Florida, [Palm Beach County], West Palm Beach Sci Name: after Stella M. Deam, Indiana collector

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Georgia and Florida; isolated records in Louisiana

Helocordulia Needham in Needham and Betten—Sundragons

Helocordulia Needham in Needham and Betten, 1901: 495

Sci Name: marsh meadow/backwater + Cordulia, allusion unknown

Eng Name: typically fly in sunshine Generotype: *Cordulia uhleri* Selys, 1871

Helocordulia selysii (Hagen in Selys)—Selys's Sundragon

Cordulia? [sic] selysii Hagen in Selys, 1878: 189

TL: Georgia

Sci & Eng Names: after Michel Edmond De Selys-Longchamps, Belgian odonatologist

Range: Oklahoma, Arkansas and Delaware south to Texas and Florida

Helocordulia uhleri (Selys)—Uhler's Sundragon

Cordulia uhleri Selys, 1871: 274 Type Series: Maine; New Jersey

Sci & Eng Names: after Philip R. Uhler, American entomologist

Range: Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to Oklahoma, Alabama and South Carolina

Neurocordulia Selys—Shadowdragons

(Nevrocordulia) [sic] Selys, 1871: 278

Sci Name: nerve (vein) + Cordulia, referring to small vein in the basal space

Eng Name: crepuscular habits

Generotype: Libellula obsoleta Say, 1840

Neurocordulia alabamensis Hodges in Needham and Westfall—Alabama Shadowdragon

Neurocordulia alabamensis Hodges in Needham and Westfall, 1955: 356

Type Series: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina Sci & Eng Names: Alabama, where first discovered Range: North Carolina south to Florida and west to Texas

Neurocordulia michaeli Brunelle—Broad-tailed Shadowdragon

Neurocordulia michaeli Brunelle, 2000: 39

TL: New Brunswick, Charlotte County, Canoose Stream at Hwy 175

Sci Name: after Michael Brunelle, son of describer Eng Name: abdomen of gravid females very broad

Range: Ontario, Quebec, Maine and New Brunswick; isolated records in New York

Neurocordulia molesta (Walsh)—Smoky Shadowdragon

C.? [sic] molesta Walsh, 1863: 254 [as Cordulia on p. 257]

TL: Illinois, [Rock Island County], Rock Island

Sci Name: troublesome, annoying, refers to author's doubt in assigning it to genus

Eng Name: smoky gray wings

Range: South Dakota, Minnesota, Ohio and North Carolina south to Texas and Florida

Neurocordulia obsoleta (Say)—Umber Shadowdragon

Libellula obsoleta Say, 1840: 28 Type Series: Indiana; Massachusetts

Sci Name: obsolete, faded; certain wing spots obsolete in some individuals

Eng Name: overall dark brown coloration

Range: Illinois, Ohio, Maine and New Brunswick south to Louisiana and Florida; records away from

Atlantic states very sparsely distributed

Neurocordulia virginiensis Davis—Cinnamon Shadowdragon

Neurocordulia virginiensis Davis, 1927: 156

TL: Virginia, Buckingham County, near the James River at Wingina

Sci Name: type locality

Eng Name: orange-brown overall coloration

Range: Oklahoma, Kentucky and Virginia south to Mississippi and Florida

Neurocordulia xanthosoma (Williamson)—Orange Shadowdragon

Platycordulia xanthosoma Williamson, 1908: 432

TL: Oklahoma, [Le Flore County], Wister

Sci Name: yellow-bodied, referring to yellow-orange coloration

Eng Name: yellow-orange overall coloration of male

Range: Nebraska and Illinois southwest to New Mexico and Texas

Neurocordulia yamaskanensis (Provancher)—Stygian Shadowdragon

Aeschna yamaskanensis Provancher, 1875: 248

TL: Canada

Sci Name: type locality

Eng Name: dark overall coloration

Range: Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick south to Arkansas, Alabama and North Carolina

Somatochlora Selys—Striped Emeralds

Somatochlora Selys, 1871: 279

Sci Name: green bodied, referring to green metallic coloration of some species Eng Name: pale lateral thoracic stripes in many species and bright green eyes

Generotype: Libellula metallica Vander Linden, 1825

Somatochlora albicincta (Burmeister)—Ringed Emerald

Epophthalmia albicincta Burmeister, 1839: 847

TL: Labrador

Sci Name: white-ringed

Eng Name: pale intersegmental abdominal rings

Range: Alaska to Labrador, south to California, Montana, Minnesota, Ontario, New Hampshire and Nova Scotia

Somatochlora brevicincta Robert—Quebec Emerald

Somatochlora brevicincta Robert, 1954: 419

TL: Quebec, Nouveau Quebec, 1 mi N of post office at the extreme SW end of Lake Mistassini in a peat bog, 73.55° W, 50.25° N

Sci Name: short-ringed, referring to short or reduced rings between some abdominal segments

Eng Name: described from Quebec

Range: Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland south to Maine and Nova Scotia, also Minnesota and British Columbia

Somatochlora calverti Williamson & Gloyd—Calvert's Emerald

Somatochlora calverti Williamson & Gloyd, 1933: 1

TL: Florida, Liberty County, 7 mi N of Bristol

Sci & Eng Names: after Philip P. Calvert, American odonatologist

Range: South Carolina, Alabama and Florida

Somatochlora cingulata (Selys)—Lake Emerald

Epitheca cingulata Selys, 1871: 302

TL: New World

Sci Name: belted, referring to pale abdominal rings

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Labrador south to Wisconsin and New York; isolated re-

cord in Wyoming may be incorrect

Somatochlora elongata (Scudder)—Ski-tipped Emerald

Cordulia elongata Scudder, 1866: 218

TL: New Hampshire, White Mountains

Sci Name: elongate, a reference either to elongate metathoracic stripe or relatively long abdomen

Eng Name: long male abdomen with upcurled cercal tips shaped like skis

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Michigan and Georgia

Somatochlora ensigera Martin—Plains Emerald

Somatochlora ensigera Martin, 1906: 29

TL: Montana

Sci Name: sword-bearing, referring to female ovipositor

Eng Name: range primarily in Great Plains

Range: Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario south to Colorado, Iowa and Ohio

Somatochlora filosa (Hagen)—Fine-lined Emerald

Cordulia filosa Hagen, 1861: 136

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: abounding with threads, probably referring to narrow thoracic stripes

Eng Name: narrow pale lateral thoracic stripes

Range: Missouri, Kentucky and New Jersey south to Texas and Florida

Somatochlora forcipata (Scudder)—Forcipate Emerald

Cordulia forcipata Scudder, 1866: 216

TL: New Hampshire, White Mountains, The Glen

Sci & Eng Names: forceps-like male cerci

Range: Northwest Territories and Labrador south to British Columbia, Wisconsin and West Virginia

Somatochlora franklini (Selys)—Delicate Emerald

Epitheca franklini Selys, 1878: 195

TL: [Northwest Territories], Fort Resolution

Sci Name: named after Sir John Franklin, Arctic explorer

Eng Name: small size and long, slender abdomen

Range: Alaska to Labrador south to Washington, Wisconsin and Maine

Somatochlora georgiana Walker—Coppery Emerald

Somatochlora georgiana Walker, 1925: 98

TL: Georgia, [Lee County], Leesburg

Sci Name: type locality

Eng Name: metallic orange-brown overall coloration

Range: Southern New Hampshire south to Florida, west to Texas

Somatochlora hineana Williamson—Hine's Emerald

Somatochlora hineana Williamson, 1931: 2

TL: Ohio, Logan County, North Fork Little Miami River near Indian Lake

Sci & Eng Names: after James S. Hine, American entomologist

Range: Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ontario; formerly Ohio and Alabama

Somatochlora hudsonica (Hagen in Selys)—Hudsonian Emerald

Epitheca hudsonica Hagen in Selys, 1871: 301

TL: [Northwest Territories], Fort Resolution

Sci Name: refers to Hudson Bay Territory [but note that Fort Resolution is on Great Slave Lake]

Eng Name: occurs in Hudsonian Life Zone

Range: Alaska and British Columbia east to Ontario, south to Utah and Colorado

Somatochlora incurvata Walker—Incurvate Emerald

Somatochlora incurvata Walker, 1918: 365

TL: Michigan, Chippewa County, Whitefish Point

Sci & Eng Names: incurved male cerci

Range: Wisconsin, Ontario and New Brunswick south to Ohio and Pennsylvania

Somatochlora kennedyi Walker—Kennedy's Emerald

Somatochlora kennedyi Walker, 1918: 371

TL: Maine, [Penobscot County], Orono

Sci & Eng Names: after Clarence H. Kennedy, American odonatologist

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Labrador south to British Columbia, Wisconsin, Ohio and New Jersey

Somatochlora linearis (Hagen)—Mocha Emerald

Cordulia linearis Hagen, 1861: 137

TL: [Missouri, St. Louis County], St. Louis

Sci Name: linear, probably for long and slender abdomen

Eng Name: overall brown coloration

Range: Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Maine south to Texas and Florida

Somatochlora margarita Donnelly—Texas Emerald

Somatochlora margarita Donnelly, 1962: 235

TL: Texas, San Jacinto County, Big Creek 5 mi SSE of Double Lake

Sci Name: after Margaret Stevenson, collecting companion

Eng Name: from type locality

Range: Oklahoma, Texas and northern Louisiana

Somatochlora minor Calvert in Harvey—Ocellated Emerald

Somatochlora elongata var. minor Calvert in Harvey, 1898: 86

Type Series: Maine, Bradley; New Hampshire, Franconia; Quebec, Sherbrooke [latter doubtfully identified]

Sci Name: small size

Eng Name: eyelike lateral thoracic spots

Range: Yukon east to Labrador, south to Oregon, Colorado, Wisconsin and Massachusetts; isolated record in Alaska

Somatochlora ozarkensis Bird-Ozark Emerald

Somatochlora ozarkensis Bird, 1933: 1

TL: Oklahoma, Latimer County, 2.5 mi NW Wilberton on Cunnectubby Creek

Sci & Eng Names: geographic range

Range: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas

Somatochlora provocans Calvert—Treetop Emerald

Somatochlora provocans Calvert, 1903: 39

Type Series: New Jersey, Atlantic County, Da Costa and Cape May County, Formosa Bog N of Mt.

Pleasant R.R. Station

Sci Name: provoking, referring to difficulty of capture

Eng Name: typically flies high

Range: Missouri, Kentucky and New Jersey south to Louisiana and Florida

Somatochlora sahlbergi Trybom—Treeline Emerald

Somatochlora sahlbergi Trybom, 1889: 7

TL: Siberia, Plachino on the Yenisei River 68°55'N

Sci Name: after Johan R. Sahlberg, Finnish entomologist

Eng Name: habitat at northern edge of taiga

Range: Alaska to Northwest Territories, also Eurasia

Somatochlora semicircularis (Selys)—Mountain Emerald

Epitheca semicircularis Selys, 1871: 295

TL: [British Columbia], Gulf [= Strait] of Georgia

Sci Name: semicircular, referring to outline of male cerci in dorsal view

Eng Name: typically in mountains

Range: Alaska and Northwest Territories south to California and New Mexico

Somatochlora septentrionalis (Hagen)—Muskeg Emerald

Cordulia septentrionalis Hagen, 1861: 139

TL: Labrador

Sci Name: northern, referring to geographic range

Eng Name: typical bog habitat

Range: Yukon and British Columbia to Northwest Territories and Alberta plus Manitoba to Labrador,

Newfoundland and Nova Scotia

Somatochlora tenebrosa (Say)—Clamp-tipped Emerald

Libellula tenebrosa Say, 1840: 19

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: dark, referring to overall coloration

Eng Name: large, clamplike male cerci

Range: Kansas, Wisconsin, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Somatochlora walshii (Scudder)—Brush-tipped Emerald

Cordulia walshii Scudder, 1866: 217

TL: New Hampshire, White Mountains, The Glen

Sci Name: after Benjamin D. Walsh, American entomologist

Eng Name: refers to hairy tips of male cerci

Range: British Columbia to Newfoundland, south to Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin, Ohio and New Jersey

Somatochlora whitehousei Walker—Whitehouse's Emerald

Somatochlora whitehousei Walker, 1925: 154

TL: Alberta, Banff

Sci & Eng Names: after Francis C. Whitehouse, Canadian odonatologist

Range: Yukon and British Columbia east to Labrador, south to Washington, Montana and Minnesota

Somatochlora williamsoni Walker—Williamson's Emerald

Somatochlora williamsoni Walker, 1907: 69

Type Series: Michigan, Oden; New York, Saranac Inn, Bone Pond; Ontario, Temagami, Toronto and Lake Simcoe, DeGrassi Point

Sci & Eng Names: after Edward B. Williamson, American odonatologist

Range: Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia, south to Wisconsin, West Virginia and New Jersey

Williamsonia Davis—Boghaunters

Williamsonia Davis, 1913: 95

Sci Name: after Edward B. Williamson, American odonatologist

Eng Name: typical habitat

Generotype: Cordulia lintneri Hagen in Selys, 1878

Williamsonia fletcheri Williamson—Ebony Boghaunter

Williamsonia fletcheri Williamson, 1923: 96

TL: Ontario, Ottawa, Mer Bleue bog

Sci Name: after James Fletcher, Canadian entomologist

Eng Name: overall ebony black coloration

Range: Manitoba and Minnesota east to New Brunswick and Massachusetts

Williamsonia lintneri (Hagen in Selys)—Ringed Boghaunter

Cordulia lintneri Hagen in Selys, 1878: 187

TL: New York, mountains

Sci Name: after Joseph A. Lintner, American entomologist

Eng Name: pale abdominal rings

Range: New York and Maine south to New Jersey, also Wisconsin and Michigan

LIBELLULIDAE—Skimmers

Brachymesia Kirby—Tropical Pennants

Brachymesia Kirby, 1889: 280

Sci Name: short middle, allusion unknown

Eng Name: tropical distribution and habit of perching flaglike on vertical stem tips Generotype: *Brachymesia australis* Kirby, 1889 (= *Erythemis furcata* Hagen, 1861)

Brachymesia furcata (Hagen)—Red-tailed Pennant

Erythemis furcata Hagen, 1861: 169

Type Series: Brazil, Bahia; Cuba; Mexico, Tampico

Sci Name: forked, referring either to male epiproct or female subgenital plate

Eng Name: red abdomen of mature male

Range: California, Nevada, Texas and Georgia south to Argentina, including West Indies; vagrant to Oklahoma

Brachymesia gravida (Calvert)—Four-spotted Pennant

Lepthemis gravida (Hagen mss.) Calvert, 1890: 35

Type Series: Florida; Texas, Nueces River at Corpus Christi

Sci Name: full of eggs, probably refers to swollen base of abdomen

Eng Name: dark nodal spot on each wing

Range: Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New York south to Tamaulipas and Florida; also Bahamas; isolated record in Maine

Brachymesia herbida (Gundlach)—Tawny Pennant

Libellula herbida Gundlach, 1889: 261

TL: Cuba, Cardenas

Sci Name: grassy or green, probably referring to coloration

Eng Name: overall yellow-brown coloration

Range: New Mexico, Texas and Florida south to Argentina, also West Indies; vagrant to Nebraska and Oklahoma

Brechmorhoga Kirby—Clubskimmers

Brechmorhoga Kirby, 1894: 264

Sci Name: cleft head, referring to the bifid frontal tubercle Eng Name: refers to clubbed abdomen and skimming flight

Generotype: Brechmorhoga grenadensis Kirby, 1894

Brechmorhoga mendax (Hagen)—Pale-faced Clubskimmer

Dythemis mendax Hagen, 1861: 164

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: deceptive or elusive, allusion unknown

Eng Name: refers to pale frons

Range: California, Utah, South Dakota, and Arkansas south to Baja California Sur, Nayarit and San

Luis Potosí

Brechmorhoga pertinax (Hagen)—Masked Clubskimmer

Dythemis pertinax Hagen, 1861: 166

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: very persistent, allusion unknown

Eng Name: refers to dark frons

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Bolivia

Brechmorhoga praecox (Hagen)—Slender Clubskimmer

Dythemis praecox Hagen, 1861: 164

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: precocious, allusion unknown

Eng Name: more slender than other North American clubskimmers

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Peru and Brazil

Cannaphila Kirby—Convict Skimmers

Cannaphila Kirby, 1889: 305

Sci Name: reed-loving, allusion unknown

Eng Name: striped thorax like a convict's uniform Generotype: *Cannaphila insularis* Kirby, 1889

Cannaphila insularis Kirby—Gray-waisted Skimmer

Cannaphila insularis Kirby, 1889: 306

TL: Haiti

Sci Name: pertaining to island, presumably referring to Haiti (also specimens from Jamaica)

Eng Name: gray pruinosity at base of abdomen in mature male

Range: New Mexico and Texas south to Panama; also Greater Antilles

Celithemis Hagen—Small Pennants

Celithemis Hagen, 1861: 147

Sci Name: spot + *Themis*, for wing color patches in the first described species and the goddess of order, used as the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: flaglike perching on vertical stems and small size of most species

Generotype: Libellula eponina Drury, 1773

Celithemis amanda (Hagen)—Amanda's Pennant

Diplax amanda Hagen, 1861: 183

TL: Georgia, [Chatham County], Savannah

Sci & Eng Names: after an unknown woman

Range: Arkansas and Virginia south to Texas and Florida

Celithemis bertha Williamson—Red-veined Pennant

Celithemis bertha Williamson, 1922: 8

TL: Florida, [Volusia County], Enterprise, Buckeye Homestead Pond

Sci Name: after Bertha P. Currie, American entomologist

Eng Name: red wing veins of mature males

Range: Louisiana and Maryland south to Florida

Celithemis elisa (Hagen)—Calico Pennant

Diplax elisa Hagen, 1861: 182

Type Series: Chicago; New Jersey, Bergen Hill; New York Sci Name: after Johanna Maria Elise Gerhards, Hagen's wife

Eng Name: ornate color pattern of wings

Range: Colorado, Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida

Celithemis eponina (Drury)—Halloween Pennant

Libellula eponina Drury, 1773: 86

TL: North America

Sci Name: after Eponina, a faithful wife in a Roman tale

Eng Name: overall orange and black coloration, traditional of Halloween

Range: Colorado, Minnesota, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Tamaulipas and Florida, west to Arizona; also Bahamas and Cuba

Celithemis fasciata Kirby—Banded Pennant

Celithemis fasciata Kirby, 1889: 326

TL: Georgia

Sci Name: banded, referring to wing bands

Eng Name: dark wing bands

Range: New Mexico, Kansas, Wisconsin, Ontario and Maine south to Texas and Florida

Celithemis martha Williamson—Martha's Pennant

Celithemis martha Williamson, 1922: 4

TL: New York, [Suffolk County], Long Island, Wyandanch

Sci & Eng Names: after Mattie Wadsworth, Maine collector

Range: Maine and Nova Scotia south to Virginia

Celithemis ornata (Rambur)—Ornate Pennant

Libellula ornata Rambur, 1842: 96

TL: North America

Sci & Eng Name: ornate, probably referring to complicated markings of wings and body

Range: Texas and Arkansas east through Florida and north to New Jersey

Celithemis verna Pritchard—Double-ringed Pennant

Celithemis verna Pritchard, 1935: 6

TL: Oklahoma, [Pittsburg County], Quinton

Sci Name: spring, referring to flight season

Eng Name: two yellow rings on base of abdomen

Range: Kansas, Michigan and Connecticut south to Texas and Florida

Crocothemis Brauer—Scarlet Skimmers

Crocothemis Brauer, 1868: 367

Sci Name: saffron + *Themis*, probably refers to yellow-orange color of females and the goddess of order, the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: coloration of mature males and skimming flight

Generotype: Libellula erythraea Brullé, 1832

Crocothemis servilia (Drury)—Scarlet Skimmer

Libellula servilia Drury, 1773: 112

TL: China

Sci Name: named after Servilia, Brutus's mother and Julius Caesar's mistress

Eng Name: as genus

Range: native to tropical Asia and Australasia, now established in Hawaii, Florida and Greater Antilles

Dythemis Hagen—Setwings

Dythemis Hagen, 1861: 162

Sci Name: two + *Themis*, possibly for the bituberculated female tenth abdominal segment and the goddess of order, the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: often perch with wings down and abdomen up, like a human sprinter in "get set" position

Generotype: Libellula rufinervis Burmeister, 1839

Dythemis fugax Hagen—Checkered Setwing

Dythemis fugax Hagen, 1861: 163

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: flighty, allusion unknown

Eng Name: spotted abdomen

Range: Arizona, Nebraska and Illinois south to Coahuila and Tamaulipas

Dythemis maya Calvert—Mayan Setwing

Dythemis maya Calvert, 1906

TL: Guatemala, Vera Paz, San Gerónimo

Sci & Eng Names: Mayan, after Indian tribe of region

Range: Arizona and Texas south to El Salvador

Dythemis nigrescens Calvert—Black Setwing

Dythemis velox Hagen, var.(?) nigrescens Calvert, 1899: 390

TL: Mexico, [Nayarit], Tepic

Sci Name: to become black, referring to male coloration

Eng Name: overall black coloration of mature male

Range: Arizona and Oklahoma south to Baja California Sur and Oaxaca

Dythemis velox Hagen—Swift Setwing

Dythemis velox Hagen, 1861: 163

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: swift, allusion unknown

Eng Name: swift flight

Range: Arizona, Missouri, Ohio and Virginia south to Durango, Tamaulipas and northwestern Florida; isolated records in Colorado and southern Florida

Erythemis Hagen—Pondhawks

Erythemis Hagen, 1861: 168

Sci Name: red + *Themis*, for the coloration of the first described species and the goddess of order, used as the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: pond habitat and ability to take large prey

Generotype: Libellula peruviana Rambur, 1842

Erythemis attala (Selys in Sagra)—Black Pondhawk

Libellula attala Selys in Sagra, 1857: 445

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: derivation unknown, probably a proper name

Eng Name: black color of mature adults

Range: Texas south to Argentina, also West Indies; isolated records in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Alabama

Erythemis collocata (Hagen)—Western Pondhawk

Mesothemis collocata Hagen, 1861: 171

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: placed together, perhaps alluding to close relationship to E. simplicicollis

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: British Columbia, Montana, Colorado and Texas south to Baja California Sur and Puebla

Erythemis mithroides (Brauer)—Claret Pondhawk

Mesothemis mithroides Brauer, 1900: 266

TL: Colombia

Sci Name: similar to *Erythemis mithra* (now *E. attala*) Eng Name: an intensely red color, like the dragonfly

Range: Texas south to Argentina

Erythemis peruviana (Rambur)—Flame-tailed Pondhawk

Libellula peruviana Rambur, 1842: 81

TL: Peru

Sci Name: of Peru

Eng Name: brilliant red abdomen contrasts with dark thorax Range: Northern Mexico south to Argentina; vagrant to Texas

Erythemis plebeja (Burmeister)—Pin-tailed Pondhawk

Libellula plebeja Burmeister, 1839: 856

TL: South America

Sci Name: plebeian, perhaps refers to its being common or ordinary

Eng Name: very slender abdomen

Range: Texas south to Argentina, also Florida and Greater Antilles; isolated records in Arizona

Erythemis simplicicollis (Say)—Eastern Pondhawk

Libellula simplicicollis Say, 1840: 28

Type Series: Indiana; Massachusetts

Sci Name: simple neck, allusion unknown

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Montana, North Dakota, Ontario and Maine south to Costa Rica; also Bahamas and Greater

Antilles, stray(?) to Arizona

Erythemis vesiculosa (Fabricius)—Great Pondhawk

Libellula vesiculosa Fabricius, 1775: 421

TL: America

Sci Name: with a little blister, probably referring to the prominent ocelli

Eng Name: largest member of genus and one of largest libellulids

Range: Southern California, Colorado, Oklahoma and Florida, south to Argentina and West Indies; isolated records in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Ontario and Tennessee

Erythrodiplax Brauer—Dragonlets

Erythrodiplax Brauer, 1868: 368

Sci Name: red + Diplax, for red coloration of some species and a former libellulid genus [Diplax means twice-

flattened, a description of the prothorax]

Eng Name: mostly small dragonflies

Generotype: Libellula plebeia Rambur, 1842 (= Erythemis corallina Brauer, 1865)

Erythrodiplax basifusca (Calvert)—Plateau Dragonlet

Trithemis basifusca Calvert, 1895: 536

TL: Mexico, Baja California

Sci Name: fuscous at base, referring to wings Eng Name: distribution on Mexican Plateau

Range: California, Arizona and Texas south to Oaxaca; isolated record in Oklahoma

Erythrodiplax berenice (Drury)—Seaside Dragonlet

Libellula berenice Drury, 1773: 48

Type Series: Maryland; New York; Virginia

Sci Name: female name from Roman antiquity, not certain to whom it refers

Eng Name: coastal breeding habitat

Range: Nova Scotia to Venezuela and Trinidad along Atlantic, Gulf and Caribbean coasts, inland to Oklahoma and New Mexico; also Pacific coast of Mexico, Bahamas, Greater Antilles and some Lesser Antillean islands; isolated records in interior Georgia, New York and Quebec.

Erythrodiplax fervida (Erichson)—Red-mantled Dragonlet

Libellula fervida Erichson, 1848: 584

TL: Central & South America

Sci Name: fervid, fiery, presumably referring to bright coloration on the body

Eng Name: large red patches at wing bases

Range: Northern Mexico south to Ecuador, Venezuela, the Guianas and Trinidad; also Greater Antilles and southern Lesser Antilles; vagrant to Texas

Erythrodiplax funerea (Hagen)—Black-winged Dragonlet

Libellula funerea Hagen, 1861: 158

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: funereal, probably referring to black body and mostly black wings

Eng Name: mostly black wings

Range: Northern Mexico south to Ecuador; vagrant to Arizona and Texas, possibly California

Erythrodiplax fusca (Rambur)—Red-faced Dragonlet

Libellula fusca Rambur, 1842: 78

TL: Cayenne

Sci Name: dusky, probably referring to coloration of type specimen

Eng Name: entirely red face of mature male

Range: Texas south to Argentina and north into Lesser Antilles from South America

Erythrodiplax minuscula (Rambur)—Little Blue Dragonlet

Libellula minuscula Rambur 1842: 115

TL: Amerique septentrionale [North America]

Sci Name: minuscule, referring to small size

Eng Name: small size and blue abdomen of mature male

Range: Oklahoma, Illinois and New Jersey south to Texas and Florida; isolated record in New York

Erythrodiplax umbrata (Linnaeus)—Band-winged Dragonlet

Libellula umbrata Linnaeus, 1758: 545

TL: America

Sci Name: shady, perhaps referring to black wing bands

Eng Name: black wing bands

Range: New Mexico, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Georgia south to Argentina, also West Indies; most northern records may represent vagrancy

Idiataphe Cowley—Metallic Pennants

Idiataphe Cowley, 1934: 243

Sci Name: anagram of original name Ephidatia (a name for nymphs in antiquity), found to be preoccupied

Eng Name: metallic brown coloration and habit of perching flaglike on vertical plant tips

Generotype: Erythemis longipes Hagen, 1861

Idiataphe cubensis (Scudder)—Metallic Pennant

Macromia cubensis Scudder, 1866: 190

TL: Cuba [probably Isle of Pines], Santa Fe

Sci Name: type locality Eng Name: as genus

Range: Texas and Florida south to Venezuela and Greater Antilles

Ladona Needham—Corporals

Ladona Needham, 1897: 146

Sci Name: meaning unknown

Eng Name: white lines on thorax like two stripes for corporal rank in US military

Generotype: Libellula exusta Say, 1840

Ladona deplanata (Rambur)—Blue Corporal

Libellula deplanata Rambur, 1842: 75

TL: North America

Sci Name: flattened, probably referring to abdomen shape or similarity to *Libellula depressa*, with which it was compared

Eng Name: blue abdomen in male

Range: Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Maine south to Texas and Florida

Ladona exusta (Say)—White Corporal

Libellula exusta Say, 1840: 29

TL: Massachusetts

Sci Name: burned up, referring to ashy abdominal pruinosity

Eng Name: white abdomen in male

Range: New York, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia south to Maryland

Ladona julia (Uhler)—Chalk-fronted Corporal

Libellula julia Uhler, 1857: 88

TL: [Washington, Pierce County], Fort Steilacoom

Sci Name: probably a female from Roman antiquity, several possibilities

Eng Name: pruinose white front of thorax of mature male

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to California, Idaho, Minnesota, Indiana and West Virginia; absent from Great Plains

Leucorrhinia Brittinger—Whitefaces

Leucorrhinia Brittinger, 1850: 333

Sci Name: white nose, referring to white face

Eng Name: white face

Generotype: Libellula albifrons Burmeister, 1839

Leucorrhinia borealis Hagen—Boreal Whiteface

Leucorhinia [sic] borealis Hagen, 1890: 231

Type Series: [Northwest Territories], Fort Resolution; Saskatchewan River

Sci Name: northern, referring to distribution

Eng Name: northern distribution

Range: Alaska and Northwest Territories south to Washington, Utah, New Mexico, North Dakota and western Ontario

Leucorrhinia frigida Hagen—Frosted Whiteface

Leucorhinia [sic] frigida Hagen, 1890: 231

Type Series: Dakota; Massachusetts; Ontario; Canada, N. Red River

Sci Name: frigid, probably referring to northern range Eng Name: white frostlike pruinosity of adult males

Range: Manitoba and New Brunswick south to Minnesota, Indiana and West Virginia; isolated record in North Dakota

Leucorrhinia glacialis Hagen—Crimson-ringed Whiteface

Leucorhinia [sic] glacialis Hagen, 1890: 234

Type Series: Massachusetts; Michipicoten on Lake Superior; Nevada, Reno; Nova Scotia, Cape Breton; Ontario, London

Sci Name: glacial, probably referring to northern range

Eng Name: from red abdominal base of mature male

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, Colorado, Wisconsin and West Virginia; absent from Great Plains

Leucorrhinia hudsonica (Selys)—Hudsonian Whiteface

Libellula hudsonica Selys, 1850: 53

Type Series: Hudson Bay; New Brunswick

Sci Name: Hudsonian, probably referring to Hudson Bay

Eng Name: inhabits Hudsonian Life Zone

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Wisconsin and West Virginia; absent from most of Great Plains

Leucorrhinia intacta (Hagen)—Dot-tailed Whiteface

Diplax intacta Hagen, 1861: 179

Type Series: [Illinois], Chicago; Massachusetts; Ohio; Wisconsin

Sci Name: untouched, allusion unknown

Eng Name: yellow spots on seventh abdominal segment

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba and New Brunswick south to California, New Mexico, Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia

Leucorrhinia patricia Walker—Canada Whiteface

Leucorrhinia patricia Walker, 1940: 12

TL: Ontario, Kenora District, Borthwick Lake

Sci Name: after Patricia region of Kenora District

Eng Name: distribution restricted to Canada

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to British Columbia and Maine

Leucorrhinia proxima Calvert—Belted Whiteface

Leucorhinia [sic] proxima (Hagen mss.) Calvert, 1890: 38

Type Series: Maine, Kennebec County, Manchester; Nova Scotia, Pictou

Sci Name: near, possibly alluding to similarity to other *Leucorrhinia*; or might be "next *Leucorrhinia* in my collection"

Eng Name: pale basal abdominal segments of male form "belt"

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, Colorado, Wisconsin and West Virginia; absent from most of Great Plains

Libellula Linnaeus—King Skimmers

Libellula Linnaeus, 1758: 543

Sci Name: diminutive of libella, a mason's level, shaped like an inverted T

Eng Name: large size and skimming flight Generotype: *Libellula depressa* Linnaeus, 1758

Libellula auripennis Burmeister—Golden-winged Skimmer

Libellula auripennis Burmeister, 1839: 861

TL: [Georgia, Chatham County], Savannah

Sci Name & Eng Name: golden wing, referring to orange-yellow wings

Range: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, New York and Massachusetts south to Texas and Florida; vagrant farther north to Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan

Libellula axilena Westwood—Bar-winged Skimmer

Libellula axilena Westwood, 1837: 96

TL: Southern States

Sci Name: pertaining to axilla (probably misspelled), referring to dark marking at wing base

Eng Name: dark bar between nodus and stigma

Range: Arkansas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts south to Texas and Florida; isolated records in Colorado, Arizona and west Texas

Libellula comanche Calvert—Comanche Skimmer

Libellula comanche Calvert, 1907: 201

Type Series: California, Ontario; Mexico, Chihuahua, Santa Rosalia Springs; Montana; Texas, Dallas, Pecos River, Round Mountain, Waco; Yellowstone

Sci & Eng Names: after Comanche tribes of same area

Range: Oregon, Idaho and Kansas south to Hidalgo

Libellula composita (Hagen)—Bleached Skimmer

Mesothemis composita Hagen, 1873: 728

TL: Yellowstone

Sci Name: put together, possibly from similarity to several other species or grouping it with species just described from Yellowstone

Eng Name: overall pale coloration produced by thin layer of white pruinosity

Range: Oregon, Colorado and Kansas south to Sonora and Coahuila

Libellula croceipennis Selys-Neon Skimmer

Libellula croceipennis Selys, 1868: 67

Type Series: Orizaba [Veracruz], Veracruz [Veracruz] and Guatemala

Sci Name: saffron-winged, referring to orange markings at base of wings of male

Eng Name: bright red abdomen of mature male glows like neon gas

Range: California, Utah and Oklahoma south to Colombia

Libellula cyanea Fabricius—Spangled Skimmer

Libellula cyanea Fabricius, 1775: 424

TL: America

Sci Name: blue, referring to body color of mature male

Eng Name: largely white pterostigmata glitter in flight

Range: Kansas, Michigan and Maine south to Texas and Georgia

Libellula flavida Rambur—Yellow-sided Skimmer

Libellula flavida Rambur, 1842: 58

TL: unknown

Sci Name: yellowish, probably referring to overall yellow coloration

Eng Name: yellow sides of thorax

Range: Kansas, Ohio and New York south to Texas and Florida

Libellula forensis Hagen—Eight-spotted Skimmer

Libellula forensis Hagen, 1861: 154

TL: California

Sci Name: numerous meetings including public, foreign, forensic; allusion unknown

Eng Name: total of eight dark wing spots

Range: British Columbia and South Dakota south to California and New Mexico

Libellula gaigei Gloyd—Red-mantled Skimmer

Libellula gaigei Gloyd, 1938: 2

TL: Chichén Itzá, Yucatan, Mexico

Sci Name: after Frederick M. Gaige, biologist at University of Michigan

Eng Name: extensive red coloration in wing bases

Range: Texas (vagrant) and Veracruz south through eastern Mexico to Guatemala; record from Sinaloa

Libellula incesta Hagen—Slaty Skimmer

Libellula incesta Hagen, 1861: 155

TL: Carolina

Sci Name: unclean, polluted, sinful; allusion unknown

Eng Name: slaty-black coloration of mature males

Range: Nebraska, Wisconsin, Ontario and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida; isolated record in Minnesota

Libellula jesseana Williamson—Purple Skimmer

Libellula jesseana Williamson, 1922: 13

TL: Florida, [Volusia County], Enterprise, Figure 8 Pond, 2.5 mi. N of Enterprise and 0.5 mi. N of Buckeye Homestead Pond

Sci Name: after Jesse H. Williamson, collector of type series

Eng Name: purple body of mature male

Range: Florida

Libellula luctuosa Burmeister—Widow Skimmer

Libellula luctuosa Burmeister, 1839: 861

TL: Pennsylvania

Sci Name: mournful, referring to black cloaklike wing bases and/or black body

Eng Name: alluding to wearing black

Range: Washington, Utah, Montana, Manitoba, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Baja California Norte, San Luis Potosí and Florida; absent from Great Basin and northern Rocky Mountains

Libellula needhami Westfall—Needham's Skimmer

Libellula (Holotania) needhami Westfall, 1943: 22

TL: Florida, [Palm Beach County], Canal Point

Sci & Eng Names: after James G. Needham, American odonatologist

Range: Maine south along Atlantic coastal plain to Florida, then to New Mexico, Jalisco and Quintana Roo; also Bahamas and Cuba

Libellula nodisticta Hagen—Hoary Skimmer

Libellula nodisticta Hagen, 1861: 151

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: spotted knot, referring to small brown nodal wing spots

Eng Name: thin white pruinosity of mature adults like hoarfrost

Range: Oregon, Utah and Colorado south to Michoacan and Puebla

Libellula pulchella Drury—Twelve-spotted Skimmer

Libellula pulchella Drury, 1773: 48

TL: New York

Sci Name: pretty, referring to mature male's color pattern or possibly first dragonfly name celebrating the beauty of the group

Eng Name: total of twelve dark wing spots

Range: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick south to California, Sonora, Coahuila and Florida

Libellula quadrimaculata Linnaeus—Four-spotted Skimmer

Libellula 4-maculata Linnaeus, 1758: 543

TL: Europe

Sci Name: four-spotted, referring to nodal wing spots

Eng Name: four brown nodal wing spots

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Nebraska, Illinois and West Virginia; also widely in Eurasia

Libellula saturata Uhler—Flame Skimmer

Libellula saturata Uhler, 1857: 88

TL: San Diego trip of T. H. Webb

Sci Name: saturated, referring to reddish-yellow wing bases

Eng Name: orange-red coloration of mature males

Range: Washington, Montana and South Dakota south to Oaxaca

Libellula semifasciata Burmeister—Painted Skimmer

Libellula semifasciata Burmeister, 1839: 862

TL: North America

Sci Name: half banded, referring to partial wing bands

Eng Name: several bright colors in color pattern

Range: Kansas, Wisconsin, Ontario and New Brunswick south to Texas and Florida

Libellula vibrans Fabricius—Great Blue Skimmer

Libellula vibrans Fabricius, 1793: 380

TL: unknown

Sci Name: flashy, glittering; allusion unknown

Eng Name: large size and blue color of mature male

Range: Kansas, Wisconsin, Ontario and Maine south to Texas and Florida; isolated records in Colorado and Minnesota

Macrodiplax Brauer—Marl Pennants

Macrodiplax Brauer, 1868: 366

Sci Name: large *Diplax*, referring to large size in relationship to dragonflies in the old libellulid genus *Diplax* Eng Name: coastal marl-bottomed pond habitat and flaglike perching habit

Generotype: *Diplax cora* Brauer, 1867

Macrodiplax balteata (Hagen)—Marl Pennant

Tetragoneuria balteata Hagen, 1861: 140

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: girdled, perhaps referring to ringed abdomen of female

Eng Name: as genus

Range: California, Nevada and Oklahoma south to Sinaloa on Pacific coast and Belize on Caribbean coast, then coastal from Louisiana to New Jersey; also Bahamas, Greater Antilles, and Venezuela

Macrothemis Hagen—Sylphs

Macrothemis Hagen, 1868: 281

Sci Name: libellulid similar to Macromia because of similar tarsal claws

Eng Name: fairylike spirit of the air Generotype: *Libellula celeno* Selys, 1857

Macrothemis imitans Karsch—Ivory-striped Sylph

Macrothemis imitans Karsch, 1890: 367

TL: Brazil, S. Catharina, Theresopolis

Sci Name: imitating, as the describer considered it very similar to *Micrathyria didyma*, although in fact

the two are very different

Eng Name: ivory-white markings on sides of thorax Range: Texas south through eastern Mexico to Argentina

Macrothemis inacuta Calvert—Straw-colored Sylph

Macrothemis inacuta Calvert, 1898: 317 (key), 328

Type Series: Tepic, Acapulco and Tehuantepec in Mexico; Guatemala

Sci Name: blunt, referring to rounded tips of male cerci

Eng Name: abdomen mostly dull straw-yellow

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Argentina and Brazil

Macrothemis inequiunguis Calvert—Jade-striped Sylph

Macrothemis inequiunguis Calvert, 1895: 533

Type Series: Baja California

Sci Name: unequal claw, referring to short tooth of tarsal claw, unlike most Macrothemis

Eng Name: pale green stripes on sides of thorax Range: Baja California and Texas south to Venezuela

Macrothemis pseudimitans Calvert—White-tailed Sylph

Macrothemis pseudimitans Calvert, 1898: 319

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: false *imitans*, originally thought to be *M. imitans*

Eng Name: many males have end of abdomen covered with white pruinosity

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Peru and Brazil

Miathyria Kirby—Hyacinth Gliders

Miathyria Kirby, 1889: 269

Sci Name: one door or entrance, perhaps referring to large subtriangular space in wings

Eng Name: larval habitat in water hyacinths and gliding flight

Generotype: Libellula simplex Rambur, 1842

Miathyria marcella (Selys in Sagra)—Hyacinth Glider

Libellula marcella Selys in Sagra, 1857: 452

Type Series: Brazil; Cuba

Sci Name: after an unknown woman or a fourth-century saint

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Kansas, Arkansas and South Carolina south to Argentina, including West Indies; isolated records in Arizona

Micrathyria Kirby—Speckled Dashers

Micrathyria Kirby, 1889: 303

Sci Name: small door or entrance, allusion unknown Eng Name: spotted abdomen and rapid flight Generotype: *Libellula didyma* Selys, 1857

Micrathyria aequalis (Hagen)—Spot-tailed Dasher

Dythemis aequalis Hagen, 1861: 167

Type Series: Cuba; Mexico, Matamoras

Sci Name: equal, perhaps referring to similar coloration all over

Eng Name: pale spots on male seventh abdominal segment

Range: Texas and Florida (vagrant to Arizona) south to French Guiana and West Indies

Micrathyria didyma (Selys in Sagra)—Three-striped Dasher

Libellula didyma Selys in Sagra, 1857: 453

Type Series: Cuba; [Mexico], Campeche

Sci Name: doubled, referring to pair of pale spots on seventh abdominal segment

Eng Name: three black lateral thoracic stripes

Range: Texas and Florida (vagrant to Arizona) south to French Guiana and West Indies

Micrathyria dissocians Calvert—Caribbean Dasher

Micrathyria dissocians Calvert, 1906: 222

Type Locality: Atoyac, Veracruz [Mexico]

Sci Name: disjoined, referring to diverging tips of male cerci

Eng Name: distributed around the Caribbean

Range: Texas south to Guatemala and Belize, Greater Antilles

Micrathyria hagenii Kirby—Thornbush Dasher

Micrathyria hagenii Kirby, 1890: 41

Type Series: Cuba, Mexico

Sci Name: after Hermann A. Hagen, German-American odonatologist

Eng Name: common at temporary pools in arid country

Range: New Mexico and Oklahoma south to Panama, also Greater Antilles; vagrant to Arizona, Arkansas, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Florida

Nannothemis Brauer—Elfin Skimmer

Nannothemis Brauer, 1868: 369

Sci Name: dwarf + Themis, for its small size and the goddess of order, used as the second element in numerous

Eng Name: small size and skimming flight Generotype: Nannophya bella Uhler, 1857

Nannothemis bella (Uhler)—Elfin Skimmer

Nannophya bella Uhler, 1858: 87

TL: [Maryland, Baltimore County], Baltimore

Sci Name: pretty Eng Name: as genus

Range: Minnesota, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Mississippi and Florida

Orthemis Hagen—Tropical King Skimmers

Orthemis Hagen, 1861: 160

Sci Name: straight + Themis, for the straight first sector of the triangle and the goddess of order, used as the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: replacing similar King Skimmers in the Tropics

Generotype: Libellula ferruginea Fabricius, 1775

Orthemis discolor (Burmeister)—Carmine Skimmer

Libellula discolor Burmeister, 1839: 856

TL: Brasil

Sci Name: not of the same color, perhaps referring to sexual dichromatism

Eng Name: venter of thorax yellow to orange Range: Arizona and Texas south to Argentina

Orthemis ferruginea (Fabricius)—Roseate Skimmer

Libellula ferruginea Fabricius, 1775: 423

TL: America

Sci Name: rust-colored, referring to orange-brown abdomen of females and immature males

Eng Name: as genus

Range: California, Colorado, Tennessee and New Jersey south to Costa Rica and Florida; introduced to Hawaii

Orthemis sp.—"Antillean Skimmer"

Although similar in appearance to *Orthemis schmidti* Buchholz, described from Peru and known to occur north to Central America, this species differs genetically and is apparently undescribed.

Range: Florida, Greater Antilles, perhaps Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and elsewhere around Caribbean

Pachydiplax Brauer—Blue Dasher

Pachydiplax Brauer, 1868: 368

Sci Name: thick + *Diplax*, referring to stout female abdomen in comparison with members of the old libellulid genus *Diplax*

Eng Name: blue coloration of mature male and rapid flight

Generotype: Libellula longipennis Burmeister, 1839

Pachydiplax longipennis (Burmeister)—Blue Dasher

Libellula longipennis Burmeister, 1839: 850

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: long wings, in contrast with relatively short female abdomen

Eng Name: as genus

Range: British Columbia, Colorado, Manitoba and New Brunswick south to Baja California Sur, Michoacan and Belize; also Bermuda and Bahamas

Paltothemis Karsch—Rock Skimmers

Paltothemis Karsch, 1890: 362

Sci Name: dart + *Themis*, apparently for the simple, unbranched hamules and the goddess of order, used as the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: typical perch site and skimming flight Generotype: *Paltothemis lineatipes* Karsch, 1890

Paltothemis lineatipes Karsch—Red Rock Skimmer

Paltothemis lineatipes Karsch, 1890: 362

TL: Brazil [in error]

Sci Name: lined feet, referring to striped legs Eng Name: red coloration of mature male

Range: Oregon, Colorado and Oklahoma south to Panama

Pantala Hagen—Rainpool Gliders

Pantala Hagen, 1861: 141

Sci Name: wandering or roaming without home, alluding to worldwide distribution

Eng Name: typical habitat and gliding flight Generotype: *Libellula flavescens* Fabricius, 1798

Pantala flavescens (Fabricius)—Wandering Glider

Libellula flavescens Fabricius, 1798: 285

TL: India

Sci Name: yellowish, referring to yellow overall color

Eng Name: extensive migratory behavior

Range: Oregon, Nebraska, Manitoba, Ontario and Nova Scotia (vagrant farther north to Washington, Alberta, Quebec and Newfoundland) south to Argentina, Galápagos and West Indies, also Old World tropics and subtropics

Pantala hymenaea (Say)—Spot-winged Glider

Libellula hymenaea Say, 1840: 18

TL: Indiana

Sci Name: concerning a membrane, referring to white membranule in hindwings

Eng Name: brown spot at base of hindwing

Range: Washington, Colorado, Minnesota, Ontario and New Brunswick (vagrant farther north to Alaska, Manitoba and Newfoundland) south to Argentina; also Bermuda, West Indies and Galapagos

Perithemis Hagen—Amberwings

Perithemis Hagen, 1861: 185

Sci Name: around + *Themis*, probably refers to the narrow abdomen base and the goddess of order, used as the second element in numerous generic names

Eng Name: yellow-orange wings of males Generotype: *Libellula tenera* Say, 1840

Perithemis domitia (Drury)—Slough Amberwing

Libellula domitia Drury, 1773: 45

TL: Antilles

Sci Name: probably after Domitia Longina, wife of Roman emperor Domitian

Eng Name: typical breeding habitat

Range: Arizona and Texas south to Ecuador and Brazil; also Greater Antilles

Perithemis intensa Kirby—Mexican Amberwing

Perithemis intensa Kirby, 1889: 326

TL: Mexico

Sci Name: intense, referring to yellow wings and/or red-orange pterostigma

Eng Name: principal geographic range

Range: California, Utah and Texas south to Baja California Sur and Guerrero

Perithemis tenera (Say)—Eastern Amberwing

Libellula tenera Say, 1840: 31

Type Series: Indiana; Massachusetts; Pennsylvania

Sci Name: delicate, referring to small size

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Arizona, Minnesota, Ontario and Maine south throughout mainland tropics to Argentina; iso-

lated record in Montana

Planiplax Muttkowski—Scarlet-tails

Planiplax Muttkowski, 1910: 169

Sci Name: flat + plax, referring to flattened frons, especially in males, and contraction of Diplax, commonly used name in libellulids

Eng Name: all species have bright red abdomens Generotype: *Platyplax erythropyga* Karsch, 1891

Planiplax sanguiniventris Calvert—Mexican Scarlet-tail

Planiplax sanguiniventris Calvert, 1907: 327

TL: Mexico, Tamaulipas, Altamira

Sci Name: blood-bellied, referring to bright red abdomen

Eng Name: only *Planiplax* in Mexico Range: Texas south to Costa Rica

Plathemis Hagen—Whitetails

Plathemis Hagen, 1861: 149

Sci Name: flat + Themis, referring to the flattened abdomen and the goddess of order, used as the second ele-

ment in numerous generic names

Eng Name: pruinose white abdomen of mature males

Generotype: Libellula lydia Drury, 1773

Plathemis lydia (Drury)—Common Whitetail

Libellula lydia Drury, 1773: 47

TL: Virginia

Sci Name: after an unknown woman, probably from Roman antiquity

Eng Name: an abundant and widespread species

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia south to California, Sonora, Nuevo León and Florida

Plathemis subornata Hagen—Desert Whitetail

Plathemis subornata Hagen, 1861: 149

TL: Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: decorated beneath, referring to yellow spots on underside of abdomen

Eng Name: typical habitat

Range: Oregon, Wyoming and Nebraska south to Jalisco

Pseudoleon Kirby—Filigree Skimmer

Pseudoleon Kirby, 1889: 274

Sci Name: false lion, referring to a wing pattern like that of some antlions

Eng Name: intricate wing pattern and skimming flight

Generotype: Celithemis superba Hagen, 1861

Pseudoleon superbus (Hagen)—Filigree Skimmer

Celithemis superba Hagen, 1861: 148 Type Series: Mexico, Oaxaca, Tampico

Sci Name: superb, probably referring to color pattern

Eng Name: as genus

Range: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas south to Costa Rica; isolated records in Utah, Colo-

rado and Oklahoma

Sympetrum Newman—Meadowhawks

Sympetrum Newman, 1833: 511

Sci Name: compressed abdomen, referring to abdomen shape

Eng Name: most species fly over moist meadows Generotype: *Libellula vulgata* Linnaeus, 1758

Sympetrum ambiguum (Rambur)—Blue-faced Meadowhawk

Libellula ambigua Rambur, 1842: 106

TL: unknown

Sci Name: unknown, referring to origin of holotype

Eng Name: blue frons of mature adults

Range: Kansas, Iowa, Michigan and New York south to Texas and Florida; isolated records in New Mexico, Nebraska and Minnesota

Sympetrum corruptum (Hagen)—Variegated Meadowhawk

Mesothemis corrupta Hagen, 1861: 171

Type Series: Illinois; Mexico, Matamoras; Texas, Pecos River; Ajan, Sea of Ochotsk

Sci Name: corrupted, allusion unknown

Eng Name: complex color pattern

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island south to Honduras and Florida; isolated record in Siberia

Sympetrum costiferum (Hagen)—Saffron-winged Meadowhawk

Diplax costifera Hagen, 1861: 175

Type Series: Massachusetts; New York

Sci Name: costa-bearing, referring to costal wing stripe

Eng Name: yellow-tinged wings, especially costal stripe

Range: British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Newfoundland south to California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri, Ohio and New Jersey

Sympetrum danae (Sulzer)—Black Meadowhawk

Libellula danae Sulzer, 1776: 169

TL: Holarctic

Sci Name: Danaë was a princess locked in an underground room but visited by Zeus in the form of golden rain; allusion is to yellow spots of immature individuals

Eng Name: coloration of mature male

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Labrador south to California, New Mexico, Iowa, Michigan and New Jersey; also widespread in northern Eurasia

Sympetrum illotum (Hagen)—Cardinal Meadowhawk

Mesothemis illota Hagen, 1861: 172

Type Series: North California; Mexico

Sci Name: dirty, allusion unknown

Eng Name: male bright red like male cardinal

Range: British Columbia south to California, east to Texas, then south to Panama; isolated record in

Oklahoma

Sympetrum internum Montgomery—Cherry-faced Meadowhawk

Sympetrum internum Montgomery, 1943: 57 [named but not described by Hagen, 1875: 79]

TL: Saskatchewan, southern Lake Winnipeg [but latter in Manitoba]

Sci Name: internal, referring to primarily interior geographic distribution

Eng Name: red frons of mature males in much of range

Range: Alaska, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Newfoundland south to California, Oklahoma and North Carolina

Sympetrum madidum (Hagen)—Red-veined Meadowhawk

Diplax madida Hagen, 1861: 174

TL: "Upper Missouri" [river valley]

Sci Name: moist, allusion unknown

Eng Name: red wing veins of mature male

Range: Yukon, Northwest Territories, Ontario and Wisconsin south to California and Colorado

Sympetrum obtrusum (Hagen)—White-faced Meadowhawk

Diplax obtrusa Hagen, 1867: 95

TL: [Illinois], Chicago

Sci Name: obtruded, allusion unknown

Eng Name: white face

Range: British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Nova Scotia south to California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kentucky and North Carolina

Sympetrum pallipes (Hagen)—Striped Meadowhawk

Diplax pallipes Hagen, 1874: 589

TL: Colorado, "Foot-hills"

Sci Name: pale-footed, referring to pale legs characteristic of some populations

Eng Name: white thoracic stripes

Range: British Columbia and Saskatchewan south to California and New Mexico; isolated record in Texas

Sympetrum rubicundulum (Say)—Ruby Meadowhawk

Libellula rubicundula Say, 1840: 26 Type Series: Indiana; Massachusetts

Sci Name: somewhat red, referring to coloration of mature adults

Eng Name: red coloration of mature adults

Range: Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec south to Colorado, Missouri and Georgia; isolated records in

Montana and Wyoming

Sympetrum semicinctum (Say)—Band-winged Meadowhawk

Libellula semicincta Say, 1840: 27 Type Series: Indiana; Massachusetts

Sci Name: half girdled, referring to basal wing bands

Eng Name: basal wing markings

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, south to California, New Mexico, Oklahoma,

Alabama and North Carolina

Sympetrum signiferum Cannings & Garrison—Spot-winged Meadowhawk

Sympetrum signiferum Cannings & Garrison, 1991: 474

TL: Mexico, Durango, El Salto, 4.4 mi. NE

Sci Name: sign-bearing, from dark spot at wing base

Eng Name: dark spot at hindwing base Range: Arizona south to Nayarit

Sympetrum vicinum (Hagen)—Autumn Meadowhawk

Diplax vicina Hagen, 1861: 175

Type Series: New Jersey, Bergen Hill; Pennsylvania; Washington

Sci Name: near, referring to similarity to S. costiferum described just before it

Eng Name: autumn flight period, later than most other dragonflies

Range: British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island south to California, Texas and Florida; scarce in or absent from most of northern Great Plains, Rocky Mountains and Great Basin; isolated record in Arizona

Tauriphila Kirby—Pasture Gliders

Tauriphila Kirby, 1889: 268

Sci Name: bull-loving, allusion unknown, as Kirby would not have known it in life

Eng Name: common feeding habitat and gliding flight Generotype: *Tramea iphigenia* Hagen, 1867 (= *australis*)

Tauriphila argo (Hagen)—Arch-tipped Glider

Tramea argo Hagen, 1869: 263 TL: Central & South America

Sci Name: bright or swift-footed; allusion unknown

Eng Name: male cerci arched Range: Texas south to Argentina

Tauriphila australis (Hagen)—Garnet Glider

Tramea australis Hagen, 1867: 229

Type Series: Cuba, Cardenas; St. Fe de Bogota Sci Name: southern, referring to geographic range

Eng Name: red abdomen of mature male

Range: San Luis Potosí and Florida south to Paraguay; also Greater Antilles

Tauriphila azteca Calvert—Aztec Glider

Tauriphila azteca Calvert, 1906: 296 TL: Mexico, [Jalisco], Guadalajara

Sci & Eng Names: after Aztec Indians of Mexican Plateau

Range: Northern Mexico (vagrant to Texas and Florida, but not West Indies) south to Costa Rica

Tholymis Hagen—Evening Skimmers

Tholymis Hagen, 1867: 221 Sci Name: meaning unknown

Eng Name: typical flight time and skimming flight Generotype: *Libellula tillarga* Fabricius, 1798

Tholymis citrina Hagen—Evening Skimmer

Tholymis citrina Hagen, 1867: 218

TL: Cuba, Cardenas

Sci Name: lemon-colored, probably referring to round yellow spots on hindwing

Eng Name: as genus

Range: Texas south to Chile, also Florida and West Indies; vagrant to Arizona and Oklahoma

Tramea Hagen—Saddlebags

Tramea Hagen, 1861: 143 Sci Name: meaning unknown

Eng Name: from dark markings at wing bases Generotype: *Libellula carolina* Linnaeus, 1763

Tramea abdominalis (Rambur)—Vermilion Saddlebags

Libellula abdominalis Rambur, 1842: 37

Type Series: Cuba; Guadeloupe; North America

Sci Name: concerning the abdomen, allusion unknown

Eng Name: red abdomen of mature adults

Range: Texas south to Argentina; also southern Florida, Bermuda, West Indies and introduced to Hawaii

Tramea binotata (Rambur)—Sooty Saddlebags

Libellula binotata Rambur, 1842: 36

TL: Brazil

Sci Name: two-marked, probably referring to hindwing spots

Eng Name: black overall coloration

Range: Northern Mexico and Greater Antilles south to Argentina; vagrant to Arizona and Florida

Tramea carolina (Linnaeus)—Carolina Saddlebags

Libellula carolina Linnaeus, 1763: 411

TL: Carolina

Sci & Eng Names: type locality

Range: Kansas, Wisconsin, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Texas and Florida, also Bermuda; isolated records in Minnesota

Tramea darwini Kirby—Striped Saddlebags

Tramea darwini Kirby, 1889: 315

TL: Galápagos

Sci Name: after Charles Darwin, first evolutionary biologist

Eng Name: pale thoracic stripes

Range: California, Arizona, Oklahoma and Florida south to Argentina, also West Indies; records of vagrants scattered across North America north to Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire and Nova Scotia

Tramea insularis Hagen—Antillean Saddlebags

Tramea insularis Hagen, 1861: 146

TL: Cuba

Sci Name: island, referring to Cuba

Eng Name: geographic range

Range: Arizona and Texas south on Caribbean coast to Belize, also Florida and West Indies

Tramea lacerata Hagen—Black Saddlebags

Tramea lacerata Hagen, 1861: 145

Type Series: Maryland; Mexico, Matamoras; Texas, Pecos River Sci Name: lacerated, referring to ragged edges of hindwing spots

Eng Name: black coloration

Range: British Columbia, Idaho, Colorado, South Dakota, Ontario and Nova Scotia south to Baja California Sur, Yucatan and Florida; also Bermuda, Bahamas, Cuba and Hawaii; isolated record in Montana

Tramea onusta Hagen—Red Saddlebags

Tramea onusta Hagen, 1861: 144

Type Series: Mexico, Matamoras; Texas, Pecos River

Sci Name: burdened, probably referring to large hindwing spots

Eng Name: red coloration

Range: Oregon, Utah, South Dakota, Michigan, Ontario and New Jersey south to Venezuela; also

Greater Antilles

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APPENDIX

Changes (additions, removals, taxonomic revisions, name changes) in each edition of *A Checklist of North American Odo*nata, compared with the previous edition.

2024

Additions

Argia paludicola Garrison & von Ellenrieder—Marsh Dancer

Name Change

Argia plana Calvert to Argia funebris Hagen Aeshna septentrionalis Burmeister to Aeshna cerulea (Ström)

2021

Additions

Hetaerina calverti Vega-Sánchez, Mendoza-Cuenca & González-Soriano—Cryptic Rubyspot Argia oculata Hagen in Selys—Oculate Dancer Erpetogomphus molossus Bailowitz, Danforth & Upson—Black-tailed Ringtail

Name Change

Tramea calverti Muttkowski to Tramea darwini Kirby

2018

Additions

Coryphaeschna apeora Paulson—Icarus Darner Remartinia secreta (Calvert)—Secretive Darner

Taxonomic Revisions

Gomphus Leach split into Gomphurus Needham, Hylogomphus Needham, Westfall & May, Phanogomphus Carle, and Stenogomphurus Carle; Gomphus Leach now restricted to Eurasia

Name Changes

Gomphus abbreviatus Hagen in Selys to Hylogomphus abbreviatus (Hagen in Selys)

Gomphus adelphus Selys to Hylogomphus adelphus (Selys)
Gomphus apomyius Donnelly to Hylogomphus apomyius (Donnelly)
Gomphus australis (Needham) to Phanogomphus australis (Needham)

Gomphus borealis Needham in Needham and Betten

to Phanogomphus borealis (Needham in Needham and Betten)

Gomphus cavillaris Needham

Gomphus consanguis Selys

Gomphus crassus Hagen in Selys

Gomphus descriptus Banks

Gomphus dilatatus Rambur

Gomphus diminutus Needham

to Phanogomphus cavillaris (Needham)

to Gomphurus crassus (Hagen in Selys)

to Phanogomphus descriptus (Banks)

to Gomphurus dilatatus (Rambur)

to Phanogomphus diminutus (Needham)

Gomphus exilis Selys to Phanogomphus exilis (Selys)

Gomphus externus Hagen in Selys to Gomphurus externus (Hagen in Selys)

Gomphus fraternus Say

Gomphus geminatus Carle

Gomphus geminatus Carle

Gomphus geninatus (Carle)

Gomphus graslinellus Walsh

Gomphus hodgesi Needham

Gomphus hybridus Williamson

To Gomphurus fraternus (Say)

to Hylogomphus geminatus (Carle)

to Gomphurus gonzalezi (Dunkle)

to Phanogomphus graslinellus (Walsh)

to Phanogomphus hodgesi (Needham)

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Gomphus kurilis Hagen in Selys Gomphus lineatifrons Calvert Gomphus lividus Selys Gomphus lynnae Paulson Gomphus militaris Hagen in Selys

Gomphus militaris Hagen in Sely Gomphus minutus Rambur Gomphus modestus Needham Gomphus oklahomensis Pritchard Gomphus ozarkensis Westfall Gomphus parvidens Currie Gomphus quadricolor Walsh Gomphus rogersi Gloyd Gomphus sandrius Tennessen

Gomphus septima Westfall Gomphus spicatus Hagen in Selys Gomphus vastus Walsh Gomphus ventricosus Walsh Gomphus viridifrons Hine Gomphus westfalli Carle & May to Phanogomphus kurilis (Hagen in Selys)

to Gomphurus lineatifrons (Calvert)

to Phanogomphus lividus (Selys)

to Gomphurus lynnae (Paulson) to Phanogomphus militaris (Hagen in Selys)

to Phanogomphus minutus (Rambur)

to Gomphurus modestus (Needham)

to Phanogomphus oklahomensis (Pritchard)

to Gomphurus ozarkensis (Westfall)

to Hylogomphus parvidens (Currie)

to Phanogomphus quadricolor (Walsh)

to Stenogomphurus rogersi (Gloyd)

to Phanogomphus sandrius (Tennessen)

to Gomphurus septima (Westfall)

to Phanogomphus spicatus (Hagen in Selys)

to Gomphurus vastus (Walsh)

to Gomphurus ventricosus (Walsh)

to Hylogomphus viridifrons (Hine)

to Phanogomphus westfalli (Carle & May)

2016

Additions

Argia anceps Garrison—Cerulean Dancer Phyllogomphoides nayaritensis Belle—West Mexican Leaftail Erythrodiplax fervida (Erichson)—Red-mantled Dragonlet

Taxonomic Revisions

Protoneuridae removed; species placed in Coenagrionidae Order of Zygoptera families revised

<u>2012</u>

Additions

Cordulegaster sarracenia Abbott & Hibbitts—Sarracenia Spiketail

2011

Additions

Leptobasis vacillans Hagen in Selys—Red-tipped Swampdamsel Telebasis digiticollis Calvert—Marsh Firetail Libellula gaigei Gloyd—Red-mantled Skimmer Micrathyria dissocians Calvert—Caribbean Dasher

Taxonomic Revisions/Name Changes

Chrysobasis Rácenis reclassified as Leptobasis Selys Chrysobasis lucifer Donnelly—Lucifer Damsel to Leptobasis lucifer (Donnelly)—Lucifer Swampdamsel

2009

Additions

Lestes australis Walker—Southern Spreadwing (formerly considered conspecific with L. disjunctus) Argia carlcooki Daigle—Yaqui Dancer

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Argia harknessi Calvert—Harkness's Dancer

Chrysobasis lucifer Donnelly—Lucifer Damsel (see 2011)

Enallagma annexum (Hagen)—Northern Bluet (formerly considered conspecific with E. cyathigerum)

Enallagma cardenium Hagen—Purple Bluet (formerly considered conspecific with E. coecum)

Enallagma eiseni Calvert—Baja Bluet

Enallagma vernale Gloyd—Vernal Bluet (formerly considered conspecific with E. annexum)

Leptobasis melinogaster González Soriano—Cream-tipped Swampdamsel

Nehalennia minuta (Selys in Sagra)—Tropical Sprite Anax concolor Brauer—Blue-spotted Comet Darner

Rhionaeschna Förster (formerly synonymized with Aeshna Fabricius)

Triacanthagyna caribbea Williamson—Caribbean Darner Triacanthagyna septima (Selys in Sagra)—Pale-green Darner

Erpetogomphus elaps Selys—Straight-tipped Ringtail

Ophiogomphus smithi Tennessen & Vogt—Sioux Snaketail

Phyllocycla breviphylla Belle—Ringed Forceptail

Stylogomphus sigmastylus Cook & Laudermilk—Interior Least Clubtail

Cordulegaster talaria Tennessen—Ouachita Spiketail

Neurocordulia michaeli Brunelle—Broad-tailed Shadowdragon

Brechmorhoga praecox (Hagen)—Slender Clubskimmer

Erythemis mithroides (Brauer)—Claret Pondhawk

Erythemis peruviana (Rambur)—Flame-tailed Pondhawk

Ladona Needham (formerly synonymized with Libellula Linnaeus)

Macrothemis pseudimitans Calvert—White-tailed Sylph

Orthemis sp.—"Antillean Skimmer"

Planiplax sanguiniventris Calvert—Mexican Scarlet-tail

Plathemis Hagen (formerly synonymized with Libellula Linnaeus)

Tauriphila argo (Hagen)—Arch-tipped Glider

Removals

Enallagma cyathigerum (Charpentier) Northern Bluet (restricted to Eurasia)

Enallagma coecum (Hagen)—Purple Bluet (restricted to Greater Antilles)

Sympetrum janeae Carle—Jane's Meadowhawk (synonymized with S. internum)

Sympetrum occidentale Bartenev—Western Meadowhawk (synonymized with S. semicinctum)

Name Changes

Archilestes californica McLachlan

Common Spreadwing

Desert Dancer

Aeshna californica Calvert Aeshna dugesi Calvert

Aeshna multicolor Hagen Aeshna mutata Hagen Aeshna psilus Calvert

Coryphaeschna luteipennis (Burmeister)

Wisconsin Snaketail
Least Clubtail
Illinois River Cruiser
Stripe-winged Baskettail
Ski-tailed Emerald
Narrow-winged Skimmer

Faded Pennant

to Archilestes californicus McLachlan

to Northern Spreadwing

to California Dancer (error in 1999 edition)

to Rhionaeschna californica (Calvert)

to Rhionaeschna dugesi (Calvert) to Rhionaeschna multicolor (Hagen)

to Rhionaeschna mutata (Hagen)

to Rhionaeschna psilus (Calvert) to Remartinia luteipennis (Burmeister)

to Remartinia luteipennis (Burn

to St. Croix Snaketail to Eastern Least Clubtail

to Swift River Cruiser

to Slender Baskettail to Ski-tipped Emerald

to Gray-waisted Skimmer

to Ornate Pennant

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Red-waisted Whiteface
Libellula deplanata Rambur
Libellula exusta Say
Libellula julia Uhler
Libellula lydia Drury
Libellula subornata (Hagen)
Orange-bellied Skimmer
Yellow-legged Meadowhawk

- to Belted Whiteface
- to Ladona deplanata (Rambur)
- to Ladona exusta (Say)
- to Ladona julia (Uhler)
- to Plathemis lydia (Drury)
- to Plathemis subornata Hagen
- to Carmine Skimmer
- to Autumn Meadowhawk