

# UPDATES and CORRECTIONS TO COMMON DRAGONFLIES OF THE SOUTHWEST

December 2010

Many new discoveries have been made in our exciting field of Odonata.

Also, some of the Common and the Scientific Names have been formally changed by the DSA.

Please update your copy of *Common Dragonflies of the Southwest* to reflect the following new data:

## Make these changes to the checklist pages:

### p. 152 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

Tawny Pennant *Brachymesia herbida* - NM

Calico Pennant *Celithemis elisa* - CO

Pin-tailed Pondhawk *Erythemis plebeja* - AZ

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

Red-waisted Whiteface - change to Belted Whiteface

Plateau Dragonlet - add CA

Halloween Pennant - add AZ

Pale-faced Clubskimmer - add CO

Swift Setwing - add CO

Western Pondhawk - change to *Erythemis simplicollis collocata*;

Eastern Pondhawk - change to *Erythemis simplicollis simplicollis*

Plateau Dragonlet - add CA

Boreal Whiteface - add NM

### p. 153 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

White-tailed Sylph *Macrothemis pseudimitans* - AZ

Spot-tailed Dasher *Micrathyria aequalis* - AZ

Thornbush Dasher *Micrathyria hagenii* - AZ

Carmine Skimmer *Orthemis discolor* - AZ

Blue-faced Meadowhawk *Sympetrum ambiguum* - NM

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

Marl Pennant - add NV

Mexican Amberwing - add UT

Filigree Skimmer - add CA

### p. 154 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

SKIMMERS:

Thornbush Dasher *Micrathyria hagenii* - AZ

Evening Skimmer *Thoymis citrina* - AZ

Sooty Saddlebags *Tramea binotata* - AZ

Antillean Saddlebags *Tramea insularis* - AZ

EMERALDS:

Prince Baskettail, *Epithecya princeps* - CO & NM

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

Western to Band-winged Meadowhawk, AND also

*Sympetrum occidentale* to *S. semicinctum*

Spot-winged Meadowhawk - add CO and NM

Yellow-legged Meadowhawk change to Autumn Meadowhawk

Ruby Meadowhawk - delete UT & NM

Striped Saddlebags - add CA & NM

Remove Common Baskettail from the list -

Dr. Nick Donnelly has reviewed specimens in CO and found them to all be Dot-winged Baskettails. He has found that there are **no** *E. cynosura* specimens from west of central Kansas and Nebraska.

Orange Shadowdragon - remove CO; add NM

Hudsonian Emerald - add UT

Lance-tipped Darner - Change ? to X for the state of NV

Persephone's Darner - add UT

### p. 155 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

CLUBTAILS:

Narrow-striped Forceptail *Aphylla protracta* - AZ

Flag-tailed Spinyleg *Dromogomphus spoliatus* - CO, NM

### p. 155 continued

Straight-tipped Ringtail *Erpetogomphus elaps* - AZ

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

Turquoise Darner to Turquoise-tipped Darner; add CA

White-belted Ringtail - add CO

Plains Clubtail - add CO

Pale Snaketail - add AZ

Brimstone Clubtail - add CO

### p. 156 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

SPREADWINGS:

Southern Spreadwing *Lestes australis* - NM

(split form Northern Spreadwing)

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

Pacific Spiketail - add AZ

Canyon Rubyspot - add NV

Great Spreadwing - add NV

Plateau Spreadwing - add CO

Canyon Rubyspot - add NV

Common Spreadwing - change to Northern Spreadwing

### p. 157 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

Yaqui Dancer *Argia carlcooki* - AZ

Harkness's Dancer *Argia harknessi* - AZ

Blue-tipped Dancer *Argia tibialis* - CO

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

Variable Dancer to Violet Dancer AND also

*Argia fumipennis* to *Argia fumipennis violacea*

Lavender Dancer - add UT

Apache Dancer - add NV

Fiery-eyed Dancer - add NM

### p. 158 - Add these NEW to southwest species:

Rainbow Bluet *E. antennatum* - CO

Baja Bluet *E. eiseni* - AZ & CA?

Neotropical Bluet *E. novaehispaniae* - AZ

Orange Bluet *Enallagma signatum* - CO

**Change** data for the following species as indicated:

*Enallagma cyathigerum* to *E. annexum*

Mexican Forktail - add NV

Next, please make the changes mentioned already also on the appropriate species and index pages;

then make the following changes that are listed below:

**p. 10** - Change bottom paragraph so that # of SW species = 132

**p. 11** - Change longest length to be 65mm; # of SW genera to 23; total # of species to 70

**p. 13** - Neon Skimmer's flight period: April - November

**p. 14** - Red Rock Skimmer's flight period: February - December

**p. 15** - Band-winged Meadowhawk's flight period: April - Nov.

**p. 16** - Cardinal Meadowhawk's flight period: January - December

**p. 18** - Autumn Meadowhawk's flight period: May - November

**p. 19** - Red-tailed Pennant's flight period: March - December

**p. 20** - Cherry-faced Meadowhawk's flight period: June - Sept.

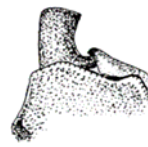
**p. 23** - Saffron-winged Meadowhawk's flight period: June - Oct.

- p. 26 – Mexican Amberwing's flight period: April - December
- p. 27 – Eastern Amberwing's flight period: March - October
- p. 28 – Red Saddlebag's flight period: January – November
- p. 30 – Marl Pennant's flight period: May– October
- p. 30 – Marl Pennant's flight period: May - October
- p. 31 – Checkered Setwing's flight period: May - November
- p. 33 – Common Whitetail's flight period: March – November
- p. 37 – Hoary Skimmer's flight period: April – October
- p. 38 – Bleached Skimmer's flight period: April - September
- p. 42 – Eastern Pondhawk's flight period – May - December
- p. 43 – Great Pondhawk's flight period: June - September
- p. 44 – Spot-winged Glider's flight period: March - December
- p. 45 – Wandering Glider's flight period: January - December
- p. 46 – Filigree Skimmer's flight period: February - December
- p. 47 – Four-spotted Skimmer's flight period: April - October
- p. 48 – Black Meadowhawk's flight period: June - October
- p. 50 – size variations for Hudsonian Whiteface - 27 - 36 mm; flight period: May - September
- p. 51 – Crimson-ringed/Belted Whiteface flight period: May – Sept
- p. 53 – Pale-faced Clubskimmer's flight period: March - December
- p. 54 – Change size lengths to 42 - 78 mm; # of SW genera to 6; change # of SW Baskettails to 5
- p. 55 – Dot-winged Baskettails flight period: March - July
- p. 60 – Blue-eyed Darner's flight period – February - December
- p. 62 – Sedge Darner's flight period: July – August
- p. 68 – Lance-tipped Darner's flight period – August – September
- p. 72 – 9 SW genera, totaling 25 species; Ringtails – 6 species
- p. 74 – Gray Sanddragon's flight period: March - November
- p. 75 – Common Sanddragon's flight period: April - July
- p. 77 – Eastern Ringtail's flight period: May – September
- p. 78 – Serpent Ringtail's flight period: May – November
- p. 80 – Brimstone Clubtail's flight period: May - November
- p. 82 – Sinuous Snaketail's flight period: March - August
- p. 89 – Apache Spiketail's flight period: April - October
- p. 91 – Change # of species of Pond Damsels to 62; scientific name to *Enallagma annexum*
- p. 92 – Northern Bluet - Change scientific name to *Enallagma annexum* and flight period to be March-November
- p. 94 – River Bluet's flight period: April - October
- p. 97 – Taiga Bluet's flight period: May – August
- p. 99 – Calif./Aztec Dancer's flight period – February - December
- p. 100 – Vivid Dancer's flight period: "All year in South"
- p. 101 – Springwater Dancer's flight period – March - January
- p. 103 – Tonto Dancer's flight period: May – October
- p. 104 – Violet Dancer's flight period: April - November
- p. 106 – Kiowa Dancer's flight period: March - December
- p. 107 – Paiute Dancer's flight period: February - December
- p. 108 – Amethyst Dancer's flight period: January - November
- p. 109 – Dusky Dancer's flight period: May - November
- p. 110 – Sooty Dancer's flight period: April - November
- p. 111 – Powdered Dancer's flight period: March - December
- p. 113 – Blue-ringed Dancer's flight period: February - December
- p. 118 – Western Red Damsel's flight period: April - October
- p. 120 – Rambur's flight period: "All year in South"
- p. 122 – Citrine Forktail's flight period: "All year in South"
- p. 123 – Eastern/Mexican/Western Forktail's flight period: Feb-Dec
- p. 124 – Change species name on top photo (male) to "Pacific"
- p. 127 – Change # of pond species to 10
- p. 132 – California Spreadwing's flight period: April - December
- p. 136 – American Rubyspot's flight period: "All year in South"

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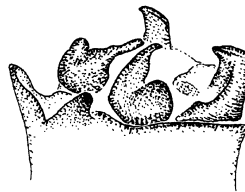
Exclamation Damsels' flight period: March – September

p. 98 - correction (print and paste over)



River Bluet lateral appendage

p. 126 - correction (print and paste over)



Pacific Forktail appendage

p. 130 - correction (print and paste over)

Plateau Spreadwing – INCORRECTED SPECIES SHOWN  
Print out and use this correct image:



Change text to read:

male: broad dark stripe top of thorax, pale bluish side stripe wider near the head; ...

And please, if you find a dragonfly in a new area or flying out of its known season, report it so that updates can be made, not only to my own websites and books, but also to other people's who are maintaining other websites &/or are in the process of writing new dragonfly guides. THANKS!

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