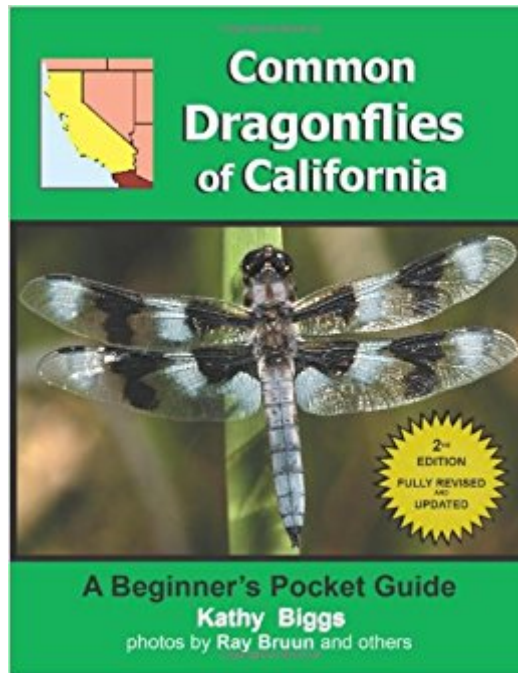




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# Common Dragonflies Of California



## Synopsis

This revised, updated and expanded version of the 2000 first edition covers 100 California species of dragonflies and damselflies. 200 all NEW LARGE full-color photographs of males, smaller images of most females. Additional new black & white line drawings illustrate the dragonfly life cycle, etc. Includes descriptions of males, females, habitat, flight periods and distribution. Checklist of ALL 113 CA species included. Companion website shows more photos, descriptions, & has links to up-to-date geographic distribution maps.

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## Customer Reviews

We have a pond in our yard, and this book has given us the opportunity to identify those beautiful visitors that we have been looking at! The pictures are clear, and the descriptions are very helpful when it comes to looking for markings that help distinguish between two similar species. There is a handy glossary at the back where one can find the meanings of any technical words. This is a put-it-in-your-pocket-when-you-go-hiking kind of book. It is presented at a level that is clear for adults or those budding naturalists you might have running around....So happy to have it in my natural history collection!

Not complete but I've not yet photographed a dragonfly or damsel fly in California that's not in it. Excellent photos and helpful text and index. Fairly easy to use, gets easier as you learn the different dragonfly groups. Convenient pocket size to fit in a pocket and well constructed with plastic coated

pages for use out in the field, even during rain.

I bought the 1st edition of this book when it came out years ago, and corresponded with Kathy, and I was so appreciative of her efforts. And now this second edition is such an improvement over what I thought then was just about perfect. The photos in this edition are orders of magnitude sharper and more beautiful, and just sitting down and reading this compact jewel makes me feel like I'm viewing a gorgeous work of art!! I have other dragonfly books, including two on California/West Coast dragonflies, but this particular book is the one I've ordered extra copies of. For \$9.95, assuming you live in California (or nearby?), this will serve you extraordinarily well, both as a work of dragonfly art & wonderment, and as a handy and accurate field guide when you go for a hike or other outdoor exploration. In fact, this book makes me very much want to put a fountain or small pond or other water feature, on our property here in northern California.

Beginner here loving this book. Great photos and a website to accompany are very helpful. Small pocket size, yet still has font big enough to not need the 2.5 reading glasses. Highly recommend this book!!

This is really nice field guide to have. The photographs are great. Each entry is succinct and includes one or two photographs together with a bold line the length of the dragonfly and printed in one of the dominant colors of the dragonfly. There is a checklist in the back so that you can keep track of what you see, and the introductory information in the front of the book is well-written. Though I bought this book for myself, I think that it also would make a great field guide for a child since the book is small, easy to use, and the photos are clear and attractive. It is well worth the price.

As a beginner in the study of these fascinating and beautiful creatures, I found this book clear, concise, and easy to understand and use. The text is simple and complete, and the illustrations are excellent. The small size of the volume makes it fit easily into your pocket for quick reference. Anyone interested in dragonflies will find the book an absolute MUST!

Just the right size to carry around with you when trying to ID dragonflies and damselflies in the field. Couple this with her web site, and you have the perfect combo for IDing the Odes you see or capture with your digital camera.

An awesome book! Easy to use with great photos. You'll never view dragonflies the same again. At this price point it makes for an awesome gift...especially for all those kids you're trying to get turned on to nature instead of video games. After all - let's face it - dragonflies are way cooler than birding and all that other boring "outdoorsie" kinda stuff! (well at least according to kids who think birding is boring) I highly recommend it. Now if we can just get her to do guides for some of the other states.....

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