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<p>Emperor</p>		<p>In Flight. This big powerful Dragonfly can travel large distances looking for food and new ponds. Look for down curved tail in flight and black stripe down centre of abdomen</p> <p>Habitat. Ponds lakes, sand and Gravel Pits. Prefers large expanses of water.</p> <p>Size length 78mm wings, 107mm</p>
<p>Brown Hawker</p>		<p>In Flight. This animal is easier to identify as it is the only one with smoky brown wings. It is often found patrolling hedgerows for food from June to October</p> <p>Habitat. Ponds lakes, canals, ditches, sand and Gravel Pits.</p> <p>Size length 73mm wings, 102mm</p>
<p>Southern Hawker</p>		<p>In Flight. Very inquisitive and will inspect all who encroach their territory. This dragonfly can cope better with cooler temperatures and often fly late in the day.</p> <p>Habitat. Ponds and garden ponds and canals.</p> <p>Size length 70mm wings 98mm</p>
<p>Common Hawker</p>		<p>In Flight. Not at all as common as its name implies this dragonfly is more secretive</p> <p>Habitat. Found in bog pools on moorland and heathland mainly acidic conditions...</p> <p>Size length 74mm wings 95mm</p>

<p>Common Darter</p>		<p>In Flight. More often found perched on an overhanging twig from where the red male will dart out to grab prey or harry a rival. Females are more yellow brown. Habitat. Found in a wide range of habitats.</p> <p>Size length 37mm wings 57mm</p>
<p>Broad Bodied Chaser</p>		<p>In Flight. Broad abdomen makes this Dragonfly easy to identify. Males are highly conspicuous around the edge of pools. Females are a yellow brown and hide away in brambles. Habitat. Ponds, lakes canals and ditches often on newly created waters.</p> <p>Size length 44mm wings 76mm</p>
<p>Damselfly's</p>		<p>Damselflies are all smaller than Dragonflies and weaker flyers. They can in addition fold back their wings at rest whilst dragonflies hold their wings at 90 degrees</p>
<p>Common Blue</p>		<p>In Flight. Occurs in large numbers alongside open water from May to September. There are six blues which need close examination to tell apart however the most likely one is the common blue. Females are a dull brown green colour. Habitat. Wide Range.</p> <p>Size length 32mm wings 42mm</p>
<p>Blue Tailed</p>		<p>In Flight. Flies from may to September and can be active even on cooler days. Females may have a body colour of blue, rose or even violet. Immature males have a green thorax which goes blue when mature. Habitat. Wide Range.</p> <p>Size length 31mm wings 40mm</p>
<p>Banded Agrion</p>		<p>In Flight. From May to September Male often first appears as a large black butterfly with its fluttery weak flight and large black wing spots. The females are bright green with the males a more irridesant blue. Habitat. Slow moving muddy bottomed rivers.</p> <p>Size length 45mm wings 65mm</p>

