



# **Dragonflies and Damselflies of The East Neuk**

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This is not a comprehensive list of the dragonflies and damselflies of the East Neuk. I have included just those species I have managed to catch on camera. I have taken the East Neuk to be the area bounded by the coast from East Sands (St Andrews) to Lower Largo, and inland by a line along the Lade Braes, past Magus Muir, through Pitscottie to Ceres, then along the road south to Lower Largo.

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## Black darter

Far less common than the common darter in the East Neuk. These images were obtained at Bankhead Moss.







## Common darter

A common small dragonfly. These were at Magus Muir (above) and Bankhead Moss.







## Common hawker

The largest dragonfly to occur regularly in the East Neuk. This male was at Bankhead Moss.





## Four-spotted chaser

A recent arrival to the area. These were near Cameron Reservoir.







## Azure damselfly

Very similar to the common blue damselfly, distinguishable by the narrower blue stripes on the thorax and the shape of the black markings on the first two segments of the abdomen of the male. These males were at Bankhead Moss in June and July 2019.







## Blue-tailed damselfly

This is quite a common species in suitable habitat. These images were taken at Cameron Reservoir in mid-July 2019.







## Common blue damselfly

Common damselfly, which can be very numerous for example at Cameron Reservoir, which is where these images were taken. Male above and below, female on the right.







## Emerald damselfly

A widely-distributed damselfly. This image was taken at Bankhead Moss.





## Large red damselfly

A common damselfly in a range of wet habitats. These were at Bankhead Moss.

