



# **Dragonflies and damselflies of Tentsmuir**

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I believe that this shows all species that breed regularly at Tentsmuir. All nine species shown here can be found at Morton Lochs.

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## Black darter

Usually much less common than the common darter at Morton Lochs, although it was numerous in summer 2018. Male above and right, female below.







## Common darter

A very common small dragonfly, which is often in large numbers on the paths at Morton Lochs.







## Common hawker

A large dragonfly. Males (above and right) can be seen patrolling territories at Morton Lochs. The female shown below right is laying eggs. The above female was also laying eggs when the male landed on it.







## Four-spotted chaser

Common medium-sized dragonfly, often seen flying over the water at Morton Lochs. Also occurs behind the dunes south of Kinshaldy.





## 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. Common at Morton Lochs.







## Blue-tailed damselfly

Delicate-looking rather variable damselfly.  
Common at Morton Lochs.





## Common blue damselfly

Common damselfly, often encountered at Morton Lochs.







## Emerald damselfly

A common but rather inconspicuous damselfly that occurs at Morton lochs. Female above, male below and right.





## Large red damselfly

Very common damselfly at Morton Lochs, and occurs at drainage ditches and pools in Tentsmuir Forest.

