



# Dragonflies and damselflies of Elmwood Golf Course

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This includes those species of dragonfly and damselfly that I have been able to photograph on Elmwood Golf Course. There are five species of damselfly regularly recorded in Fife, and so far, I have encountered four of these, all of them by the pools at the bottom of the course. There are also four species of dragonfly regularly recorded in Fife, but to date, I have only recorded one on the course, also at the pools at the bottom of the course.

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## Common darter

The most common dragonfly in Fife. Mature males are red.





## Azure damselfly

Very similar to the common blue damselfly, males are distinguishable by the narrower blue stripes on the thorax (which are actually white on the one below!) and the shape of the black markings on the first two segments of the abdomen.





## Blue-tailed damselfly

A delicate damselfly, even by damselfly standards! This is a male, showing the blue 'tail'.





## Common blue damselfly

More common than the similar azure damselfly. They have broader stripes (blue in the male) on the thorax and the male has a diamond-shaped mark near the base of the abdomen. Male above and below left, female below right.





## Emerald damselfly

A common damselfly, unusual in that it sits with its wings open like a dragonfly, rather than folded back along the body like other damselflies.

