



Improving your pond for Dragonflies and Damselflies



Here are some simple ways to make your pond more attractive for dragonflies and damselflies:

- Add some aquatic plants. A varied selection is best including floating plants, submerged plants, plants around the edges and plants that grow above the water's surface, particularly tall plants. Always make sure to use native plants.
- Add flat rocks near the pond to provide sunbathing spots
- Let the pond get a bit messy with mud and debris which will provide food for larvae.
- Let some grass grow tall around the pond to provide shelter, shade and perching spots.
- Have lots of wildflowers nearby to attract insects that dragonflies and damselflies can eat.
- Fish are not compatible with dragonflies and damselflies. If you want to attract these insects then there should be no fish in the pond.
- Add perching posts around the pond.

