

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge provides a protected habitat for a wide array of plants, animals and insects including dragon/damselflies.

You might see these species anywhere on the refuge, but Harris Creek and Haller Haven Trails offer particularly good viewing. Also, visit Egret Rd in the summer to see dozens of dragonflies resting in trees and hunting insects.

Below are some additional species you might also find at Hagerman.

Damselflies

- Powdered Dancer
- Kiowa Dancer
- Double-striped Bluet
- Desert Firetail

Dragonflies

- Eastern Ringtail
- Sulphur-tipped Clubtail
- Prince Baskettail
- Great Pondhawk
- Blue Dasher



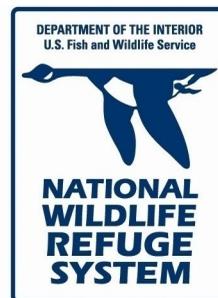
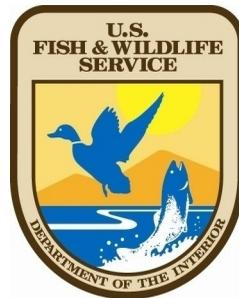
Mark down one point for each check you have. Tally up your score below and see how well you did at spotting the dragonflies and damselflies of Hagerman.

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Wildlife Viewing Guide



Dragonflies & Damselflies

A dragonfly is an insect that has huge compound eyes, two pairs of strong transparent wings, and an elongated, sometimes iridescent body. Dragonflies possess six legs, but they are not capable of walking. They use their legs to hold prey.

Dragonflies are similar to damselflies, but dragonflies hold their wings away from, and perpendicular to, the body when at rest.

Both dragonflies and damselflies are predators that eat mosquitoes, and other small insects like flies, bees, ants, and butterflies. They have freely movable heads and sharp mouthparts to chew up insects.

Dragonflies live around lakes, ponds, streams and wetlands because their larvae, called nymphs, are aquatic. Adults can fly in six directions: upward, downward, forward, back, and side to side. That is because unlike other insects, they can move their wings independently. Dragonflies also fly very quickly compared to other insects. Adults live five or six months.

Dragonflies & Damselflies of Hagerman



Checked Setwing



Banded Pennant



Blue-fronted Dancer



Black Saddlebags



Roseate Skimmer



Eastern Pondhawk



Halloween Pennant



Widow Skimmer



Eastern Amberwing



Flag-tailed Spinyleg



Common Whitetail



Variegated Meadowhawk

