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Dear OK Odors,

New Year's greetings and well wishes!

As many of you know, we've been writing a book summarizing the distribution, ecology, and conservation status of the dragonflies and damselflies of Oklahoma and beyond. Finishing the book took away from our regular updates (sorry!), but we hope that we can make it up to you by starting afresh and announcing that the book is now for sale. Pre-orders are being taken from CRC Press for a mere \$31.96, which is spectacular for a book that is almost 650 pages with more than 600 illustrations...so order now!

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[**Dragonflies at a Biogeographical Crossroads: The Odonata of Oklahoma and Complexities Beyond Its Borders**](#) by Brenda D. Smith and Michael A. Patten, with contributions by Roy J. Beckemeyer and Bruce Hoagland

The book covers all **176 species** of odonates documented in Oklahoma (yes, Bill Carrell got one more species on the list, just in the nick of time! - the Red-tailed Pennant, *Brachymesia furcata*; see photo below).

The book appeals to varied interests, and no matter your odonate proficiency, you'll take much from its perusal. For you history buffs, there are chapters delving into the general and environmental history of the state and region. And for those with a paleontological bent, we were fortunate to have a special chapter by Roy J. Beckemeyer detailing the rich paleo-entomological history of the region. Plant lovers and geologists won't be left out either given the chapter on Oklahoma's diverse landscapes. With all of the context provided and the detailed species discussions, you will discover how inextricably linked Oklahoma odonates are to the rest of North America.

Many thanks to those of you who supported the research that went into the book and to those who supported us in so many other ways. We could not have produced the book without all of the people who are part of the Oklahoma community and passionate about nature.



Red-tailed Pennant (*Brachymesia furcata*), Bill Carrell, 4 Oct 2019, OC 504675

Dragonflies at a Biogeographical Crossroads is coming out just in time for the Dragonfly Society of the Americas annual meeting that will be held in Lawton, Oklahoma, on June 20, 2020. There will be day trips on the 19th and 21st. Pre-meeting and post-meeting trips will go to southeastern and southwestern Oklahoma, respectively. See the DSA 2020 meeting website for more information ([link](#)). Attendance will be limited, so please register early. We'd love to see y'all there!



All the best,
(and start thinking about the field season, which can start as early as March
...it'll be here before you know it!)

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