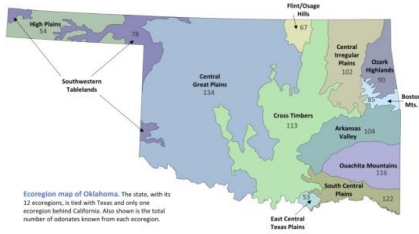


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Greetings Oklahoma Dragonfly Lovers,

Breaking news!

The *Oklahoma Odonata (damselflies & dragonflies) Finding Guide* is up and running.

You can find it on the Oklahoma Odonata Project progress page (https://biosurvey.ou.edu/smith/Oklahoma_Odonata_progress.html)

Dragonflies at a Biogeographical Crossroads

A finding guide to Oklahoma's Odonata (damselflies & dragonflies)

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Or find the computer version at this [link](#)
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Some other fun stuff includes the May/June 2023 issue of *Outdoor Oklahoma* magazine featuring a story by Jena Donnell about the world famous odonatologist, Edward Bruce Williamson. He came to the state in 1907 and, with his local assistant Frank Collins, collected some of the first dragonfly specimens in Oklahoma.

Hopefully you already have a subscription to *Outdoor Oklahoma* magazine, but if not, you can get one for only \$10 a year. <https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/outdoorok/magazine>



And, a reminder to put 16–18 June on your calendars for the Dragonfly Society of the Americas annual meeting to be held in Lawton, Oklahoma. The indoor meeting in on the 17th, with day field trips on either side.

Register soon. Spots are almost filled up. <https://www.dragonflysocietymamericas.org/oklahoma2023>



Other dragonfly fun was had on May 3rd when David Arbour and I found two new forested seeps in the Ouachita Mountains. One of the seeps is newly documented for the elusive Ouachita Spiketail (*Cordulegaster talaria*). David Arbour got excellent photos of two males and one female that day from two seeps.



For those of you interested in butterflies, Frosted Elfins (*Callophrys irus hadros*) have switched over to caterpillar season. They will be out until early June, so keep an eye out for little yellow caterpillars on yellow and Nuttall's wild indigos (*Baptisia sphaerocarpa* and *B. nuttalliana*). See the project's webpage for more information:

https://biosurvey.ou.edu/FrostedElfinProject/Oklahoma_Frosted_Elfyn_Project.html



I leave you with a photo from David Arbour of a Golden Banded-Skipper.

Best,
Brenda
"Bee" Smith :)