

Oklahoma Odonata

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Hello everyone!

Just a quick note to alert you that the ode season is starting to hop. Reports are already coming in from the southeast, thanks to David Arbour, and the southwest, thanks to Alex Cooper.

Attached is an updated seasonality chart for Oklahoma and the documentation spreadsheet. Please pay particular attention to holes in counties that can be plugged by documenting early season odes such as the Springtime Darner (*Basiaeschna janata*), Stream Cruiser (*Didymops transversa*), and Blue Corporal (*Ladona deplanata*).

March is also the month that baskettails (*Epitheca*) also start flying. Remember that most photos of baskettails cannot be conclusively identified, so if at all possible, please collect specimens (if you need a net, collecting supplies, and/or instructions, please let me know).

In the southeast, keep your eye out for Oklahoma rarities like the Harlequin Darner (*Gomphaeschna furcillata*), Twin-spotted Spiketail (*Cordulegaster maculata*), Ouachita Spiketail (*Cordulegaster talaria*), Selys's and Uhler's Sundragons (*Helocordulia selysii* and *H. uhleri*), and Painted Skimmer (*Libellula semifasciata*).

Some of the clubtails should also start flying in March and early April. And remember that the genus *Gomphus* is no longer considered a genus of the Americas and it is now split into *Gomphurus*, *Phanogomphus*, and *Hylogomphus*.

Hope this message finds you all well and ready to go ode hunting!

All the best,
Bee

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Taxa include: all Vertebrates and select Invertebrates

Odonata, Diptera: Asilidae, Lepidoptera, Coleoptera: Cicindelidae

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