A checklist of 51 dragonflies and damselflies found in the Saskatoon Birding Area (SBA, see Saskatoon Area Birds - A Seasonal Checklist map for boundaries) has been prepared with the goal of encouraging local naturalists to add the study and enjoyment of the insect order Odonata to the scope of their wildlife interests. The availability of comprehensive field guides which include the SBA now makes this pursuit easier. Alberta naturalist John Acorn’s Damselflies of Alberta (2004) and the Princeton Field Guide Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West (Dennis Paulson, 2009) together cover all dragonflies and damselflies found in our area. Nature Saskatchewan’s recent publication Dragonflies & Damselflies in the Hand (Gord Hutchings and Dave Halstead, 2011) covers the boreal forest region of Saskatchewan. Because most dragonflies and damselflies in the SBA can be identified from one or two photographs, a good quality digital camera can replace the capture net. There are, however, a few species that can only be differentiated in hand.

The checklist was compiled using field guides, internet records, and the field notes of several local naturalists. The list is almost certainly incomplete. Approximately 75 species of dragonflies and damselflies are found in Saskatchewan, and records exist for some of them just outside of the SBA. It will be just a matter of time before they are found inside the SBA. In 2017 Lorne Duczek added Spiny Baskettail to the area checklist. As more local records are added the checklist should become as reliable as the bird checklist produced by the Saskatoon Nature Society.

Both common and scientific names have been used in the checklist as there have been recent name changes that will not be reflected in older field guides. A quick internet search using the names provided in the list should bring up alternate names. For those who use banding codes to record bird and butterfly sightings a similar coding system for odonates is provided on the checklist.

The University of Texas is home to Odonata Central, which hosts the official website of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas (http://www.odonatacentral.org/). The site includes regional checklists, identification information, and a large image library. This group also reviews and accepts or rejects records submitted by members (usually photographs), which in turn are used to develop range maps and regional checklists. It would be most useful to the development of our local checklist if you would send your pictures and descriptions to them (registration is free). Verified records are noted on the SBA checklist by an asterisk*.

The second page of this document lists the SBA dragonflies and damselflies and the pages on which they are found in the recommended field guides. The third page of this document is the checklist, which can be printed separately. Best results are obtained if 'Actual size' is selected in the print menu.

Recommended Field Guides:

Hutchings, G. & Halstead, D. Dragonflies and Damselflies in the Hand (2011) Nature Saskatchewan, Regina, SK

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April, 2019
## Field Guide Reference for Dragonfly and Damselfly Checklist - Saskatoon Birding Area

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