



Blue Dasher

Pachydiplax longipennis
FAMILY: SKIMMER

ABOUT

Blue Dasher is one of the most common and widespread dragonflies in North America. It is found at almost every body of water, but especially at ponds and lakes. They are very active dragonflies along the water's edge, with males constantly zipping around and in aerial battles over territories.

WHAT DO THEY EAT?

They are also often found a long way from water when feeding. They hunt small flying insects from perches. The blue dasher hunts by keeping still and waiting for suitable prey to come within range. When it does, they dart from their position to catch it.

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- Percher
- Our most common and widespread dragonfly
- More tolerant of disturbed habitats and water pollution than most
- Beautiful green eyes

MALES VS FEMALES

Males have blue abdomens, striped thoraxes, huge blue-green eyes and white faces. Females are striped yellow and black and look completely different.

LAYING EGGS

Their larvae are exceptionally tolerant of poor water quality and pollution and can live where other dragonflies cannot.

FUN FACT

Although the species name *longipennis* means "long wings", their wings are not substantially longer than those of related species.