



Scheduled Events

Dragonfly Society of the Americas
Northeast US Regional Meeting
July 14-17, 2011
Dover, Delaware

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Arrival in Dover at the **Hampton Inn**. (GPS 39° 11' 40"N, 75° 33' 04"W)° Check in. No formal afternoon activities are planned. Early arriving participants may wish to take in attractive Odonate habitats on their way particularly in northern Delaware that won't be featured on Friday and Saturday, e.g. Piedmont streams in White Clay Creek and Brandywine Creek state parks, Lums Pond State Park, or ponds on north side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal between Route 896 and the Maryland border.

For those who arrive by dinnertime, please join us for some local color, seafood, and leisure socializing at 7PM pickin' crabs at The Boondocks, 825 Lighthouse Road, Smyrna, DE 19977 phone-302-653-6962 (GPS 39° 18' 59"N, 75° 33' 37"W)

Friday, July 15, 2011- Day trip.

Idylwild Wildlife Management Area in Caroline County, Maryland.

Trip Leaders: Jim White, Hal White, Jen Frye, and others.

Meet at 8:30 AM ready to go in the Hampton Inn parking lot.

Idylwild Wildlife Management Area supports the most diverse Odonata fauna that we know on the Delmarva Peninsula. Weather permitting and with many eyes in the field, 40 – 50 species can be expected. This extensive unmanicured area was created by a long-abandoned sand mining operation that left numerous ponds of varying sizes, depth, and exposure. These have succeeded into many wetland habitats ranging from bog and marshes to deep ponds with minimal shore vegetation. The ponds are often steep-sided with precarious access. Some of the most interesting species here are localized to particular sites or a few ponds. There is also the interesting and often wadeable Marshyhope Creek that flows along north side of the site. A dirt parking lot is off Noble Road, south of Smithville, MD near the DE state line (GPS 38° 45' 36.5"N, 75° 43' 18"W). However, for the day of our trip, state officials have agreed to open the access gate so that we can drive into a more central location where we can bring in canoes and set up a shaded water and rest station for a long and likely hot day.

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Species of particular interest here would be: Russett-tipped Clubtail (*Stylurus plagiatus*), Coppery Emerald (*Somatochlora georgina*), Treetop Emerald (*Somatochlora provocans*), Yellow-sided Skimmer (*Libellula flavida*), Burgundy Bluet (*Enallagma dubium*), Pale Bluet (*Enallagma pallidum*), Blackwater Bluet (*Enallagma weewa*), and others. See a full list linked to this site on the meeting home page.

[Those wishing to explore other locations on their own are free to do so. Check with meeting organizers if there are particular species you wish to look for.]

Friday, July 15, 2011- Evening.

Presentations at Delaware State University

Meet at 8 PM in Room 122 Agricultural Annex Building on the Delaware State University Campus

The tentative Program Includes

- Melissa Callahan, Dartmouth, Presentation on the “Evolution of the Bluet (*Enallagma*) genus of damselflies”
- Mike May, Rutgers University, "Rock with Dave and the Tiger Spiketails
- Liz Ballare, Rutgers University, “The possible hybridization between *Macromia illinoiensis* and *Macromia georgina*”
- Hal White, University of Delaware, “Odonata of the Delmarva Peninsula”

Saturday, July 16, 2011- Day trips.

Meet at 8:30 AM ready to go in the Hampton Inn parking lot.

1. **Upper Choptank River**, Caroline County, MD

Trip Leaders: Hal White, Jim McCann, and others

The Choptank River near the MD-DE border is the only place on the Delmarva Peninsula where Laura’s Clubtail (*Stylurus laurae*) is known based on a single exuviae in 2006 and several found again a few weeks ago! Even if not found, the stream is well worth exploring with Sanddragons (*Progomphus obscurus*), Dragonhunters (*Hagenius brevistylus*), Sparkling Jewelwing (*Calopteryx dimidiata*), and the Blackwater Bluet (*Enallagma weewa*) expected. We will access the Choptank River via Christian Park near the head of tide, or possibly via private land further upstream.

2. **Nassawango and Pocomoke Watersheds**, Worcester and Wicomico Counties in Maryland.

Trip Leaders: Rick Cheicante and others

The greater Pocomoke watershed has yielded many interesting species including the Coppery Emerald (*Somatochlora georgiana*) discovered by Rick last year. Expect to see some bog species and possibly the Atlantic Bluet

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(*Enallagma doubledayi*) and the Duckweed Firetail (*Telebasis byersi*) on this trip. Also expect the Great Blue Skimmer (*Libellula vibrans*) and the Bar-winged Skimmer (*Libellula axelina*).

- 3. Delaware Marshes and Vernal Ponds, Kent and Sussex Counties**
Trip Leaders: Kitt Heckscher and Jim White Every day the Delaware Bay cyclically floods more than 5% of Delaware creating brackish marshes where several species occur commonly but not elsewhere. This trip will encounter Needham's Skimmer (*Libellula needhami*), Four-spotted Pennant (*Brackymesia gravida*), Seaside Dragonlet (*Erythrodiplax berenice*), and Rambur's Forktail (*Ischnura ramburii*). Stops will include Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Depending on time, weather, and the green-headed horse fly population, excursions inland to one or more Delmarva Bays

Saturday, July 16, 2011 – Late afternoon and evening

A cook out supper at the [Delaware Nature Society's Abbott's Mill Nature Center](#), 15411 Abbotts Pond Road, Milford, DE 19963-3549 (302) 422-0847. (GPS 38° 53' 12"N, 75° 28' 36"W) A book signing for Hal White's book, "*Natural History of Delmarva Dragonflies and Damselflies*" is planned. Those attending will be asked for a small donation ~\$5 to defray expenses.

Sunday, July 17, 2011 - Depart
Explore on your way home.