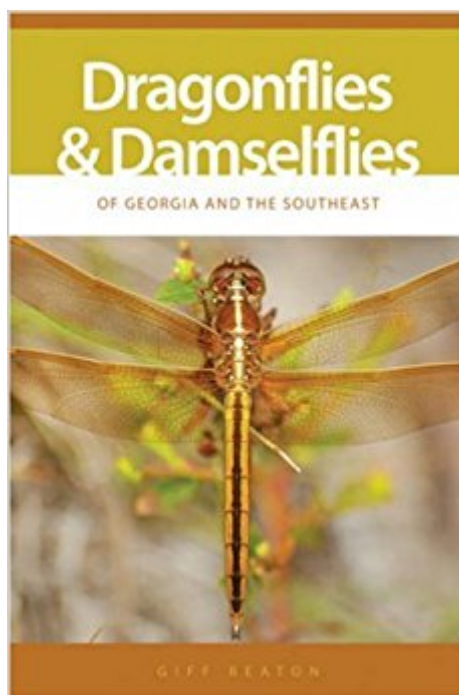




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Dragonflies And Damselflies Of Georgia And The Southeast (Wormsloe Foundation Nature Book Ser.)



Synopsis

Visit any pond on a summer day and the air will be alive with dragonflies and damselflies—shimmering aerobic daredevils that dart above the water and even into nearby fields and woodlands. Organized for easy use in the field, this abundantly illustrated guide, with more than 400 color photographs, is the first to cover Georgia's dragonflies and damselflies (odonates). It details more than 150 species—species that are also the ones most likely to be seen throughout the U.S. Southeast north of Florida. The guide first explains dragonfly and damselfly body parts, taxonomy, life cycles, and habitats; discusses conservation issues; and offers tips on observing and photographing odonates. Later chapters, organized according to the ten odonate families, such as spreadwings, darners, spiketails, and emeralds, provide general family information followed by accounts of individual species. The beautifully illustrated species accounts describe general appearance and key identification features, distribution, habitats, life history and behavior, and conservation. Supplementary materials include suggestions for the best places to watch odonates in Georgia, a comparative listing of species' level of endangerment, and the date range during which each species can be seen. Odonates are easy to find and observe, and because they display an astounding variety of colors, sizes, and behaviors, they are popular with birders, butterfly watchers, and other nature enthusiasts. This guide will be welcomed by everyone who wants to learn about odonates and their habitats and what can be done to help protect them. Included in species accounts: beautiful, detailed photos that show odonates from angles important to determining species, sex, or age; common and scientific names; important features for field identification, with tips on distinguishing between similar-looking species; typical behavior of the species, including breeding and feeding habits; occasional commentary on taxonomy or other notable features; colorful quick guide, with a range map, incidence information, sizing graphics, and flight period information. Additional features: listing of twenty ideal sites around the state for odonate watching; notes on infrequently sighted species; ratings for each odonate's conservation status, from most critically imperiled to most stable species; chronological listing of flight dates; listing of a

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Customer Reviews

"Beaton's new book, published by the University of Georgia Press, fills a vital niche-- the need for an easy-to-use guide for damselflies and dragonflies occurring in the state." --The Atlanta-Journal Constitution, August 12, 2007, Charles Seabrook
"Covering more than 150 species of Odonates found in Georgia, this beautifully illustrated guide will probably spend most of its life in your pack rather than on your bookshelf." --Cathy Rees, Southeastern Naturalist

Giff Beaton is active in several state birding organizations and is well known for his slide lectures and his photographs, which have appeared in many books and national magazines. Beaton is the author of *Birding Georgia* and coauthor of *Birds of Georgia*. He is a recipient of the Earle R. Greene Memorial Award of the Georgia Ornithological Society.

Finally a southeastern regional field guide to the odonata. This is a wonderful field guide covering the dragonflies and damselflies of Georgia but useful for anyone in the southeast. Large pictures showing color and sexual variations, range maps, flight time charts as well as text descriptions for identifications are all easy to access and read for all species. This is truly an asset to those interested in dragonflies and damselflies.

Lovely, lovely book!

Has all the data to ID dragons and Damsels in the SE USA.

I bought this as a gift, so don't know much about the book other than the recipient is enjoying using it to identify local dragonflies. However, I was impressed, as usual, with the speedy and efficient delivery.

I actually joined the official Dragonfly Society of America after spending a great afternoon identifying not dragonflies but damselflies in my garden thanks to "Dragonflies and Damselflies of Georgia and the Southeast." Illustrations and descriptions are extremely well photographed and well written and this book, along with a pair of good binoculars, will guarantee many a great summer afternoon.

I found got around to getting Giff Beaton's wonderful guide to Dragonflies and Damselflies of Georgia and the Southeast and was duly impressed with the consise, comprehensive Odonata identification details, as well as the stunning photography. Many of my most challenging questions were answered almost immediately. Thanks Giff!

Everything you need to know about dragonflies in the American SE.

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