

## RESOURCES – books

Accessible and well-illustrated **overview** of dragonfly natural history and world classification:

- Dragonflies  
Steve Brooks (2003)

Great **introductory** field guides for getting started:

- Stokes Beginner's Guide to Dragonflies  
Blair Nikula, Jackie Sones, Donald & Lillian Stokes (2002)
- Dragonflies  
Cynthia Berger (2004)

Best field guides for the **D.C./Northern VA** area:

- Natural History of Delmarva Dragonflies and Damselflies: Essays of a Lifelong Observer  
Hal White (2011)
- Field Guide to Dragonflies and Damselflies of New Jersey  
Barlow, Golden & Bangma (2009)
- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Georgia and the Southeast  
Giff Beaton (2007)
- Dragonflies and Damselflies of the East  
Dennis Paulson (2011)
- Dragonflies of Huntley Meadows Park (Huntley Meadows is in Fairfax County, VA)  
PJ Dunn, Kathi McNeil, Kevin Munroe, Margaret Wohler, Elena Ryan (2012)

The original, comprehensive **nationwide reference guide**:

- Dragonflies Through Binoculars  
Sidney Dunkle (2000)

Additional excellent field guides worth **adding to your collection** – all still very useful in N. VA:

- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Massachusetts  
Blair Nikula, Jennifer L. Loose, Matthew R. Burne (2003)
- Dragonflies of the North Woods  
Kurt Mead (2009)
- Dragonflies of Indiana  
James Curry (2001)
- Dragonflies & Damselflies of Texas  
John Abbott (2005)
- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Northeast Ohio (one of the best)  
Larry Rosche, Judy Semroc, Linda Gilbergert, Jennifer Brumfield (2012)
- Dragonflies of Wisconsin  
Karl and Dorothy Legler, with Dave Westover (1998 – out of print)
- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Cape Cod  
Virginia Carpenter (1991 – out of print)
- Dragonflies of the Florida Peninsula, Bermuda and the Bahamas  
Sidney W. Dunkle (1989 - out of print)

Additional local guides/scientific texts:

- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ohio – Ohio Biological Society (extensive scientific keys)  
Robert C. Glotzhober and David McShaffrey (2002)
- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Cumberland County New Jersey (extensive flight charts and site data)  
Robert Barber (1994)

Excellent **Western** field guides:

- Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West  
Dennis Paulson (2009)
- Dragonflies and Damselflies of Oregon  
Carry Kerst and Steve Gordon (2011)
- Common Dragonflies of the Southwest  
Kathy Biggs (2004)
- Common Dragonflies of California  
Kathy Biggs, Ray Bruun (2009)
- Dragonflies of Washington - Seattle Audubon Society  
Dennis Paulson (1999)
- Dragonflies of Alaska  
John Hudson and Robert H. Armstrong (2006)

*The comprehensive scientific text and keys, covering the US, with detailed photos/drawings of adult and larval anatomy:*

- Dragonflies of North America  
Westfall, Needham & May (originally 1955, reprinted/revised in 2000)

*Fascinating classic from 1917 (reprinted by Elibron Classics) with invaluable biology facts, natural history observations and drawings – a must-have for the true dragonfly geek ☺*

- The Biology of Dragonflies (Odonata or Paraneuroptera)  
Robin John Tillyard (originally 1917, reprinted in 2005)

*These two guides from the British Isles have some of the most beautiful and impressive illustrations I've ever seen – the first one especially is a work of art:*

- A Guide to the Dragonflies of Great Britain  
Dan Powell (2001)
- Field Guide to the Dragonflies and Damselflies of Great Britain and Ireland  
Steve Brooks and Richard Lewington (2005)

*This Japanese guide has some of the best photographs, many of them in-flight:*

- The Dragonflies of Okinawa  
I'm afraid I don't know the author's/photographer's names, as they and the book's entire text are written in Japanese – apologies to the author/photographer (2007)