

# FACTS!



- c Did you know that dragonflies create a basket shape with their legs while hunting? They then swoop in and catch the prey with their legs and bite it to hold it in place. They often eat what they've caught while they are still flying!
- c Depending on the species, the nymph of the dragonfly can live underwater from anywhere between a few weeks to a few years! The nymph moults its skin several times as it grows. On the final moult it splits its skin and emerges as a winged adult...
- c People in Indonesia like to fry dragonflies in coconut oil and eat them as a tasty snack!
- c Dragonflies have 6 legs (like all other insects) but cannot walk very well.
- c Having a dragonfly land on your head is considered good luck!
- c Dragonflies need to warm up in the sun during the morning before taking off and flying for most of the day.
- c Did you know that in the past, the dragonfly was known by some of the following names? Devil's arrow, Darner, and Devil's darning needle. These names refer to the sharp pointy looking rear-end of female dragonflies. No need to worry though, this sharp body part is for laying eggs, not for stinging!



# Number Facts!

What do you think? My Guess The answer

Dragon flies are some of the fastest insects in the world! How fast do you think they can fly?		
The eyes of the dragonfly take up most of its head. What range of degrees can the dragonfly see?		
How many insect species are part of the Odonata family?		
How many species of dragonfly are there?		
How many mosquitoes can a single dragonfly eat in a day?		
Some dragonflies are migratory. A dragonfly called the globe skimmer has the longest migration of any insect—how far do you think it travels?		

\*Answers at bottom of page

## Who's who?

**Odonata** ORDER

Anisoptera

**Dragonflies**

Dragonflies hold their wings away from their bodies when at rest.



Zygoptera

**Damselflies**

Damselflies hold their wings alongside (parallel to) their bodies while at rest.

