

# MINNESOTA ODONATA GAZETTE

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## Minnesota Dragonfly Gathering 5 (MDG5)

July 23-25, 2010  
Morris Wetland Management District,  
Morris, MN  
Cost for Gathering and programs - FREE

To register, please email Kurt Mead at  
[info@mndragonfly.org](mailto:info@mndragonfly.org) before July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*\*The registration deadline is important for UM Morris to plan for our housing needs. If you do not need housing then there is no deadline for registration.*

Every year, somewhere in Minnesota, dragonfly enthusiasts and beginners gather for a weekend of field trips, identification help and of meeting and socializing with like-minded folks. This year, the Minnesota Odonata Survey Project's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Minnesota Dragonfly Gathering will be meeting in (under-surveyed) western Minnesota at and around the Morris Wetland Management District (WMD). Field trips will be to a variety of habitats and the hope is to fill in as many new county records as we can. There is also a pretty good possibility that we might find new species for the state.

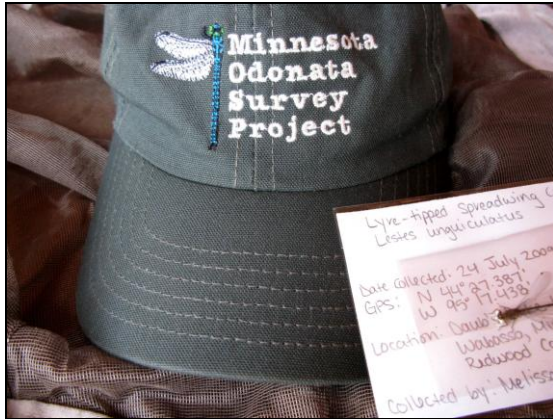
We have arranged for housing at the University of Minnesota, Morris campus. Each apartment rents for \$49 a night and sleeps up to four people (that's \$12.25 per person with

four in a room, \$16.34 for three, \$24.50 for two and the full \$49 for one person in the apartment). Linens and towels can be rented for \$5 for the weekend. More details on the apartments are as follows: Two bedrooms in each apartment, two single beds and a desk and chair per bedroom, full bath, wireless internet is available, no TV in the rooms but a commons room nearby has a TV, no air conditioning so it is recommended that you bring a fan, alcohol is allowed but only inside the apartments, each apartment has a full kitchen but there are NO utensils provided.

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## “Friends of the MOSP” Second Appeal



*NOTE: This is my second appeal for help in these matters. I'm curious to get feedback from you about how to get some of these goals accomplished. Am I barking up the wrong tree? Going about it all wrong? Down what avenues should I tread? KM*

The grant funds that the MOSP receives from the Minnesota DNR and the US Fish and Wildlife Service will cover research, training and related activities. It will not cover scholarships or goodies. Wouldn't it be nice to get a free hat or t-shirt when you attend a workshop? Wouldn't it be nice if we could give scholarship starter kits to students and folks without the financial resources to get started? Perhaps we could even reward anyone who submits specimens with an MOSP coffee cup. Wouldn't that be fun? From an pragmatic organizer's standpoint, these sorts of tangible objects tend to instill some project ownership and lead to more participation in the survey.

A very important way in which this fund could help further the MOSP mission (we need a mission statement!) is by supporting interested folks who just don't have the funds to purchase the necessary equipment, for example.

These things take money. I am not much of a fundraiser and I know very little about grants, etc. I would love to hear your ideas about this. Perhaps you work for a company that donates money to worthy causes. Perhaps you give to charitable causes and you could divert some of these funds toward this activity.

I paid to have a few hats embroidered this winter, just to see how they looked and as a thank you to some people who have been exceedingly helpful to the MOSP. They cost about \$15 each. I hope to have at least 100 people attend our workshops this summer. You do the math.

MOSP volunteer, John Arthur, has arranged for the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis to act as our repository for charitable giving, basically allowing us to piggyback on their 501c3 standing. This is very generous of them as setting up 501c3 non-profit status can be an expensive endeavor. If this really takes off in a year or two we will need to get independent non-profit status, but we'll worry about that then. We thank Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis for adding MOSP as a special committee so we can raise funds as a non-profit organization.

Please consider a contribution to the Friends of the MOSP. I am also interested in hearing from anyone with fundraising and/or non-profit experience.

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Any contributions can be sent to:

Friends of the MOSP c/o John Arthur 102 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave N Hopkins MN 55343
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# 2010 Dragonfly Workshops and Events in Minnesota

An MOSP Workshop is a free, hands-on way to get introduced to the identification of dragonflies and damselflies. Beginners will get solid instruction in the field with live bugs in real-time. Even if you have attended a workshop in the past or are fairly sure of your ID skills I invite you attend a workshop this summer. Meet new folks and share your skills with others. We always have a great time!

Details about these workshops are available on the "Calendar of Events" page at [www.mndragonfly.org](http://www.mndragonfly.org).

July 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, **Voyageurs National Park**, E of International Falls

July 31<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, **Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center**, outside of Duluth

August 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, **Saint John's University Arboretum**, in Collegeville

August 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, **River Bend Nature Center**, near Faribault

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Dragonfly Gathering (MDG5)**

July 23-25, **Morris Wetland Management District**, near Morris

Think of the MDG5 as a combined weekend-long workshop and slumber party. There is no fee for the weekend, but inexpensive housing will be available at UM Morris.

Other Dragonfly Events in Minnesota, details on the MOSP website:

July 31<sup>st</sup>, Saturday

**Dragons and Damsels at Prairie Wetlands Environmental Learning Center**, near Fergus Falls

**Superior National Forest Outings**

June 26-27

July 17-18

August 14-15

These fabulous weekend events are hosted by Dave Grosshuesch of the Superior National Forest. Each weekend is based at a different National Forest Campground and includes free campsites and guided field trips. Locations for each weekend have yet to be determined, but will surely include time spent in Isabella and up the Gunflint Trail.

As the details gel they will be posted on the MOSP Calendar page or you can contact Dave directly at:

[dgrosshuesch@fs.fed.us](mailto:dgrosshuesch@fs.fed.us)

or call him at 218 387-3236





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Attendees to the MDG are not required to stay in the campus apartments and Morris has many hotel options if the campus accommodations do not suit your tastes.

Participants are on their own for food. Bring your own lunch in the field on Saturday. For Saturday's supper we will announce a restaurant at which we can all meet.

### Weekend Schedule

**Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

3-5pm Check in to housing

5pm Meet and Greet potluck supper with grill at Morris WMD

7-9pm Dragonfly and Damsel fly

**Program**

**Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

9am Morris WMD - Intro to Dragonfly and Damsel fly ID

10:30-6pm Field trips (bring your own bag lunch!)

6pm Meet at local restaurant for supper (or on your own)

After supper - Socializing back at the Morris apartments

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Before 8:30 Check out of apartment

9am-12 Morris WMD - Field trips



Calico Pennant

Photo by Tom McCarthy

You are welcome to join us for the whole weekend or just for a day, particularly if you live nearby and you just want to check it out. This is a free, beginner-friendly event and is perfect for those who know nothing about dragonflies but are eager to learn.

The field trips involve hiking, which can be tricky and a bit strenuous at times. Reasonable accommodation to special physical needs can often be made. Although the activity level may not be suitable for younger children, older kids and teens are very welcome when accompanied by an adult.

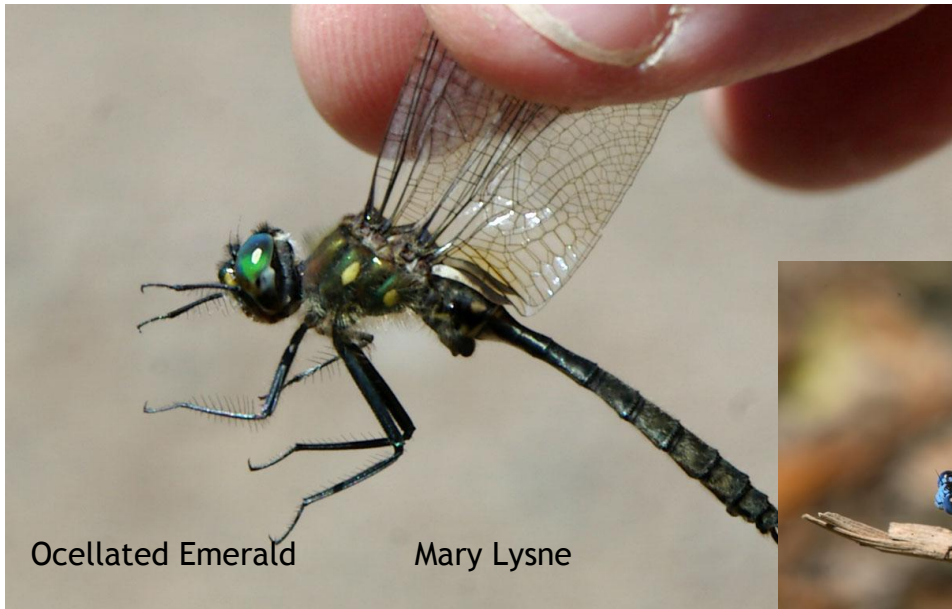
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# Odonata Photo Gallery

I would like to publish your quality photos in the Gazette or perhaps share them on the website. Please submit a photo or two, via email or on a CD by mail, and share some of your adventures!



Ocellated Emerald

Mary Lysne



Blue-fronted Dancer

John Arthur



Twin-spotted Spiketail

Renee Boronka



Shadow Darner

Renee Boronka



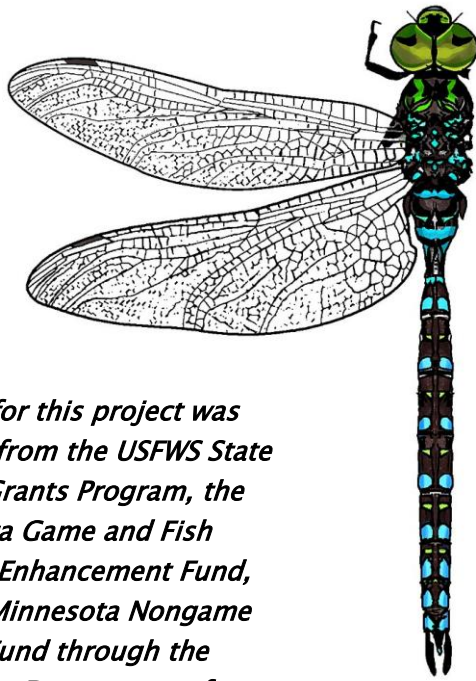
Halloween Pennant

Charles Habermann



Ebony Jewelwing

C. Habermann



# Minnesota Odonata Survey Project

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We invite you to join the  
**Minnesota Odonata  
Survey Project**  
Group on Facebook!

The old saying, “Many hands make light work” applies directly to our situation.

Our hope is that there will be many hands, in Minnesota, all adding a little bit to our knowledge of the Odonata of Minnesota. The result, hopefully, will be a better understanding of these charismatic insects in Minnesota.