

# Children's Pollinator Gardens



## The Dragonfly: “Predator Pollinator”

- Approximately 140 species in Minnesota, worldwide 7,000, primarily in the tropics.
- Lifestages: egg, nymph, adult
- They drop their eggs in water or on water plants
- Lifespan: Immature “nymphs” up to 5 years in water, Adults live a few days to 5 weeks.
- Most Common in Minnesota: Elfin Skimmers
- Predators, they often eat mosquitos “on the fly”, can travel at speeds up to 35 mph.
- Cold blooded, they warm up in the sun, head down/tail up to avoid sunburn.
- Dragonflies often rest on plants picking up pollen accidentally.
- Found in historical records dating back 300 million years.

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