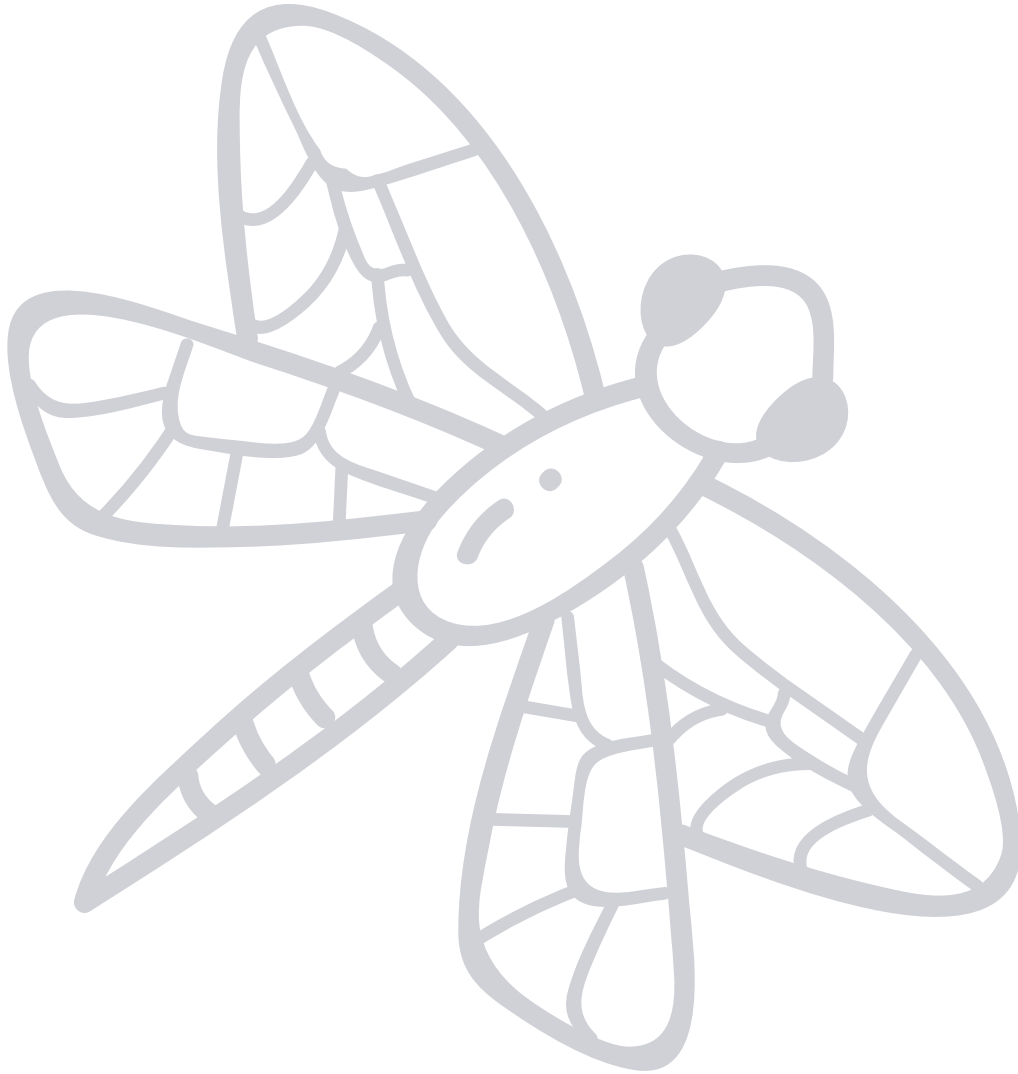




# DRAGONFLY 08

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(plural: dragonflies | drag-uhn-flahy | 'dræg ən ,flaɪ)

The Dragonfly (Anisoptera) is a carnivorous insect and a member of the Odonata order. Dragonflies live in every continent and country except Antarctica and are both agile fliers and effective predators. Dragonflies are made up of bright and metallic colours, making them noticeable while in flight. Male dragonflies, known as boars, are often territorial. Dragonflies will eat various insects, including small midges, mosquitoes, butterflies, moths, damselflies, and even smaller dragonflies. Male populations tend to inhabit wetlands, whilst females, known as queens, prefer drier meadows. Young dragonflies are known as nymphs, and large groups are known as swarms.

**Interesting Fact:** Dragonflies inflict damage to females' heads during sex. Studies into mating rituals found that high percentages of male dragonflies had evidence of the same head injury, meaning that same-sex relationships and behaviours were commonplace.

