

Dragonflies and Damselflies of Bankhead Moss

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These photos show the species that I have managed to catch on camera at Bankhead Moss. The four species of dragonfly and five species of damselfly shown here are all the species that are recorded annually in Fife.

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Black darter

Far less common than the common darter in the East Neuk. These images were obtained at Bankhead Moss in July, August and September.





Common darter

A common small dragonfly. These males were by the board walk in September.





Common hawker

The largest dragonfly to occur regularly in Fife. These males were in front of the hide at Bankhead Moss in July.





Four-spotted chaser

This species has benefitted from the bunds (the crescent-shaped pools) that have been created on the raised bog.





Azure damselfly

Very similar to the common blue damselfly, distinguishable by the narrower blue or white stripes on the thorax and the shape of the black markings on the first two segments of the abdomen of the male.





Blue-tailed damselfly

A common species. These males were in the fen habitat east of the start of the board walk.



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Common blue damselfly

A common species. These (male above, female below) were in the fen habitat east of the start of the board walk.





Emerald damselfly

A widely-distributed damselfly. Male above, female below.





Large red damselfly

A common damselfly in a range of wet habitats. These were at Bankhead Moss in May and June.

