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This includes those species of dragonfly and damselfly that I have been able to photograph around Gaddon and Birnie Lochs.

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Black darter

A fairly widespread species in Scotland, but much less common than the common darter in Fife. This individual was at Gaddon Loch in early September 2018.



Common darter

A common small dragonfly that can often be seen in summer around both lochs.





Azure damselfly

Very similar to the common blue damselfly, distinguishable by the narrower blue stripes on the thorax and the shape of the black markings on the first two segments of the abdomen. This male was at Birnie Loch in mid-June 2019.



Blue-tailed damselfly

The pair above were by the car park at Birnie Loch, while those below were by Gaddon Loch.





Common blue damselfly

Common damselfly, especially at Gaddon Loch.





Emerald damselfly

A common but rather inconspicuous damselfly. Common at Gaddon Loch.





Large red damselfly

A widespread species that is sometimes common at Gaddon Loch.