

# Dragonfly Observation Notes



If you see a dragonfly but don't find its picture in this book, use this form to record information about the dragonfly. The list below is a guideline to help you in your observation and notes. Use these notes to help you identify the dragonfly with the help of a field guide. For a description of the items in this list, turn to page 19. You can record information about several dragonflies on this page.

- Wings**
- Habitat and location.**
- Posture or perching position.**
- Colors, patterns, spots, bands, rings.**
- Size**
- Flight Pattern.**



You can sketch your dragonfly on this form, like the one drawn by my friend Alex Merker from Pennsylvania, age 8.

## Stripes or Bands?

When observing dragonflies note that "stripes" run from head to tail; "bands" and "rings" run around the body.

## Dorsal or Ventral?

Field guides often refer to "dorsal" and "ventral" views of insects. The top side of both butterflies and dragonflies is their dorsal side; the bottom is their ventral side.