



# 戶外通識教室(點蟲蟲)：兇殘的蜻蜓與豆娘

## Nature's Classroom (Amazing Insect): Dragonflies & Damselflies are Predators

動物、昆蟲、爬蟲、鳥類和植物才是活在大自然裡的主人，我們都不過是過客而已。因此，請尊重這些小生命，不要騷擾、傷害或捕捉牠們！Please show your respect for all animals, insects, reptiles, birds & plants, try not to disturb, hurt or catch them, they are living there. After all, we are only a guest!



香港已有記錄的蜻蜓和豆娘有 107 種，其中有 5 種更是本地特有品種，每年春至秋季都可發現其蹤跡。蜻蜓屬蜻蛉目(Odonata order)、不均翅亞目(Anisoptera)的昆蟲，有些品種是雌雄異型。其蛹是水生及食肉。蜻蜓以兇殘出名，常在池塘、溪流、沼澤或濕地出沒，一般會捕食蚊子、蠕蟲、蒼蠅、蜜蜂、蝴蝶、蝌蚪甚至小魚。豆娘是蜻蛉目、均翅亞目(Zygoptera)昆蟲，乃蜻蜓的親戚，且與蜻蜓的成蟲外型極為相似。如何分辨牠們？蜻蜓的複眼間距離較短或連接，體型大而粗壯，身長可達 8cm，靜止時翅翼垂向兩側水平展開；而豆娘的複眼明顯分開，但體型較細小和纖瘦，身長可小至 1.5cm 及大至 7cm，停歇時翅膀會向上摺合。除豆娘外，另一種鱗翅目昆蟲蟻獅(Myrmeleon)的成蟲外型也很像蜻蜓。



Both dragonflies & damselflies are insects belonging to the order Odonata. About 107 species of dragonflies & damselflies have already been recorded in HK, 5 of these species are endemic to HK. They are typically eat mosquitoes, midges, other small insects like flies, bees, butterflies, tadpoles & even small fishes, they are therefore valued as predators. From May to July, they can usually be found around ponds, streams, swamps & wetlands. Adult dragonfly & damselfly have the similar appearance, how to distinguish them? Dragonfly's body shape is large & thick, with short distance between eyes or even linked together, their wings rest horizontally when at rest; damselfly's is relatively small & thin, their compound eyes are clearly separated & their wings fold upwards when at rest.