LIFECYCLE OF DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES

The colourful and fascinating insect lifecycle is very interesting to know. Dragonflies lifecycle is mysterious to know that they spend more of their life under water. Dragonflies are known as sky hunter. It is almost impossible to see under water life of dragonfly unless you observe very carefully with your opened eyes and patience. Dragonflies lays thousands of eggs during their lifetime. Dragonfly have no pupal stage.

Dragonflies and Damselflies lifecycle have three stages:

- **Egg**: Dragonflies and damselflies lays their eggs in water. While damselflies insert their eggs in leaving or dead plants tissues.

- **Larva**: Larva spend their life within water. They feed on other insect larva and eggs.

- **Adult**: The adult spends their life around water body. They feed on blood sucking insects mostly mosquitoes.

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BEHAVIOURS OF DRAGONFLIES

**Perching**
Dragonflies sit on high point in the landscape and look out over the surrounding area.

**Mating**
After the tandem position, the female will curl its abdomen forward and connect to the male genetelia.

**Basking**
In the morning hours dragonflies perch with stretched wings and maximize heat from sun.

**Emerging**
The final stage of metamorphosis, the dragonfly emerges out through a split in the skin at the thorax.

**Cannibalism**
The species may prey on the other species of Odonata smaller in size.

**Obelisk**
A position to prevent overheating on sunny days.

**Laying eggs**
Female lays egg after mating in and around the water.

**Tandem**
Male claspsers from last abdomen segment to female prothorax.

**Roosting**
During sunrise, they move to low grass, bushes to rest this is also called resting.

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