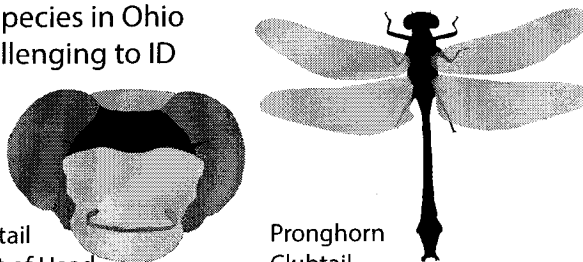
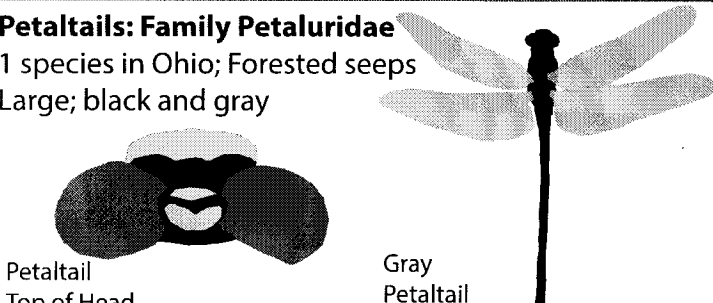
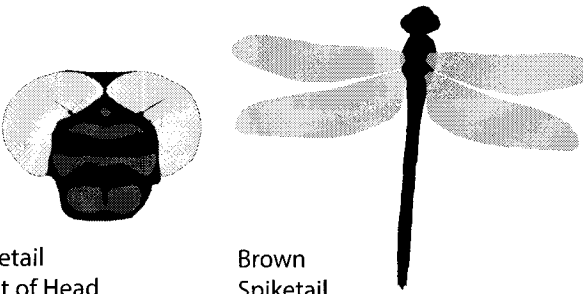
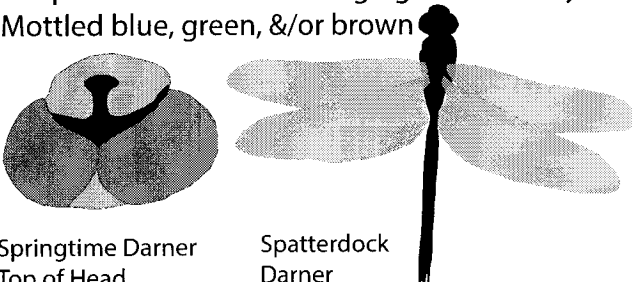
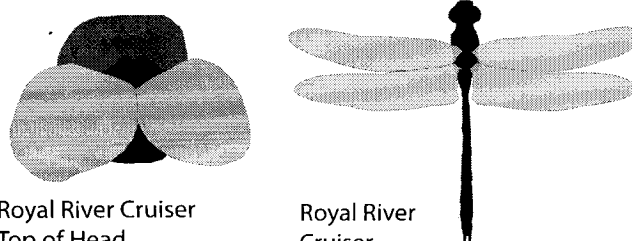





Ohio Dragonfly Identification: Silhouettes

Dragonfly = Suborder Anisoptera

Ohio has 117 species of dragonflies in 7 families & 43 genera. Most dragonfly families are separated by their eye shape. Below are silhouettes representing each family found in Ohio. Illustrations & design by MaLisa Spring, 2018.

Eyes separated	<p>Clubtails: Family Gomphidae 31 species in Ohio Challenging to ID</p>  <p>Clubtail Front of Head Pronghorn Clubtail</p>	<p>Petaltails: Family Petaluridae 1 species in Ohio; Forested seeps Large; black and gray</p>  <p>Petaltail Top of Head Gray Petaltail</p>
	Eyes meet at a point	<p>Spiketails: Family Cordulegastridae 5 species in Ohio Uncommon; Slender body Brown body with patches of yellow</p>  <p>Spiketail Front of Head Brown Spiketail</p>
Eyes meet along a seam		<p>Darners: Family Aeshnidae 17 species in Ohio - Challenging to ID - Rarely land Mottled blue, green, &/or brown</p>  <p>Springtime Darner Top of Head Spatterdock Darner</p>
	<p>Cruisers: Family Macromiidae 7 species in Ohio - Challenging to ID - Rarely land Brown bodies with yellow patches and green eyes</p>  <p>Royal River Cruiser Top of Head Royal River Cruiser</p>	<div data-bbox="828 1648 1299 1953" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Find something cool?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - submit photos to iNaturalist.org - collect a specimen if you have landowner permission - or email spring.99@osu.edu <p>For more information, see: u.osu.edu/ohiodonatasurvey/</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">    </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">*Note: Silhouettes are NOT to scale and are not proportional on this guide</p>