



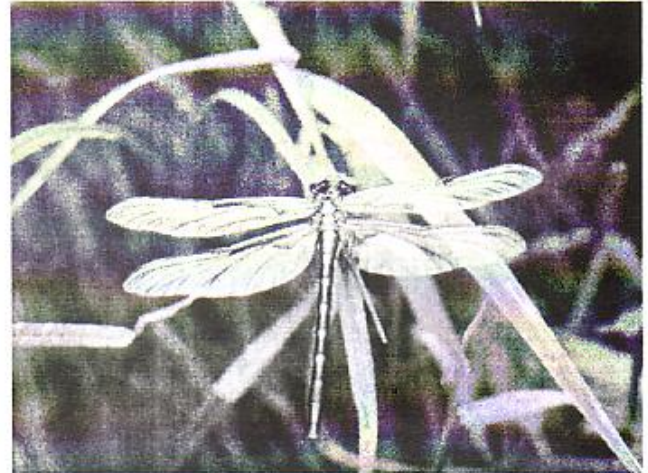
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My job continues to take me into new areas of wildlife and wildlife management. In this issue I'll talk about another type of wildlife which people may easily over look while on and around Cold Stream Pond. This group of wildlife is the invertebrates consisting of damselflies, mayflies and dragonflies.

A website, <http://mdds.umf.maine.edu/Species%20List.htm> with great photos of the numerous species can be reached through the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife web page, <http://www.state.me.us/ifw/wildlife/wildlife.htm>.



I had the opportunity last week to work with a biologist specializing in this group of wildlife. We collected samples of the larvae of the animals from various water bodies in the region. A fun and interesting project for people to do to explore this fascinating area of wildlife is to obtain a white enameled pan, a fine meshed dip-net, a magnifying glass, and a field guide. By sweeping around the bases of sedge plants and other aquatic vegetation, and dumping the contents into the white pan, the wealth of life revealed is astounding.

These animals play a vital role in the food chain and maintaining a healthy lake ecosystem. The dragonfly nymphs are heavy feeders of mosquito larvae and once they have matured into the adults flying around, are great mosquito catchers. In the evening, canoeing around the lakeshore you are sure to see them pursuing their next meal. I appreciate having them dart around me as I know they are keeping the mosquito numbers in check.

Have a great summer, please do a little more reading about this astounding wildlife, and hope to see you around the lake.

The above photos I took the other day when I was out working with this group of wildlife animals. – By Buster Carter



This will be Buster's last article for the CSCOA newsletter as he is moving to a new position in Augusta. Please join me in thanking him for his many years of service to the Cold Stream Pond area and for writing informative and entertaining pieces for our newsletter. Thanks Buster, you'll be missed.