

# Nature Notes

For the  
week of  
July 28 -  
August 3

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

## Damselfly or Dragonfly?



Photo courtesy of the Arboretum Archive

Jokes...so bad they're funny!

Two slugs are moving along the street, when they come across a snail.

One of them says "Hey mate! I like your caravan!"

Two cows in the pin, one goes "moo!" The other one says "Man! I was gonna say that!"

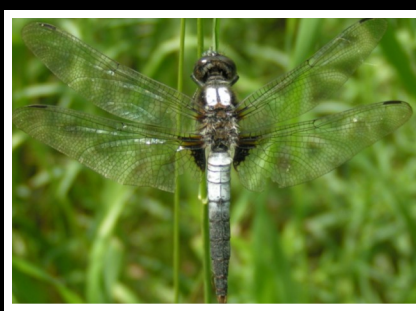
Why can't Stephen Drive a car?

Because he is a rock.

It's easy to call insects like this one "dragonfly," but is it one?

- Dragonflies molt in the larval stage 6-7 times over 1-2 years before finally molting with functional wings.
- Damselflies have two sets of wings that are similar in shape.
- Dragonflies have a larger pair of wings in the back and a smaller pair in the front.
- Damselflies can hinge their wings back closer to their bodies while resting. Dragonflies cannot.
- Dragonflies eat whatever is abundantly flying through the air at the time, but they don't hunt when it's cold.
- Damselflies have been known to hunt in colder weather

Source: <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/arthropoda/uniramia/odonatoida.html>



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## Upcoming Arboretum Events

### Dragonfly workshop

Sunday, August 1 — 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

The Minnesota Odonata Survey Project (MOSP) is hosting a free workshop at Saint John's Arboretum. Visit [www.mndragonfly.org](http://www.mndragonfly.org) for more information.

### Dutch Oven Dinner

Monday, August 9 — 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand is our Dutch oven cooking demonstration and wonderful meal. While the food is cooking, enjoy a wildflower walk in the prairie by Arboretum staff.

\$10 Arboretum members and students

Reserve your spot [online!](#)

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail [arboretum@csbsju.edu](mailto:arboretum@csbsju.edu).

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

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