

Title: "State of the Dragons: The Ohio Odonata Survey"

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Abstract:

In 2017, a new state-wide Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) survey was undertaken to assess the diversity and status of these wetland insects. The survey was funded for three years with 2019 being the last year. An update will be given on the methods, tools, new state records and the results of the survey thus far.

Bio:

Linda Gilbert serves on the staff of Geauga Park District in dual roles as a naturalist and field technician. Dragonflies and damselflies are her specialty, and she conducts dragonfly/damselfly surveys on several park properties. Linda is a co-author (with Larry Rosche and Judy Semroc) of *Dragonflies and Damselflies of Northeast Ohio*, 2nd ed. field guide and is also the northeast Ohio regional coordinator for the Ohio Odonata Survey. Linda is a professional musician and holds degrees in music from Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music and Cleveland State University. Hobbies include nature photography and water-gardening.