

Polk County

Note: Observations of species shown in bold are 50 or more years old, and we are especially interested in updating these records.

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Lestidae – Spreadwing Family

- Lestes dryas* - Emerald Spreadwing (2020)
- Lestes eurinus* - Amber-winged Spreadwing (2006)
- Lestes inaequalis* - Elegant Spreadwing (2006)
- Lestes unguiculatus* - Lyre-tipped Spreadwing (2011)

Calopterygidae – Broad-winged Damsel Family

- Calopteryx aequabilis* - River Jewelwing (2022)
- Calopteryx maculata* - Ebony Jewelwing (2022)
- Hetaerina americana* - American Rubyspot (2020)

Coenagrionidae – Pond Damsel Family

- Amphiagrion abbreviatum* - Western Red Damsel (2020)
- Argia fumipennis violacea* - Variable Dancer (Violet Dancer ssp.) (2004)
- Argia moesta* - Powdered Dancer (2021)
- Coenagrion resolutum* - Taiga Bluet (2019)
- Enallagma boreale* - Boreal Bluet (2006)
- Enallagma carunculatum* - Tule Bluet (2004)
- Enallagma civile* - Familiar Bluet (2019)
- Enallagma ebrium* - Marsh Bluet (2006)
- Enallagma exsulans* - Stream Bluet (2005)
- Enallagma hageni* - Hagen's Bluet (2006)
- Ischnura verticalis* - Eastern Forktail (2020)
- Nehalennia irene* - Sedge Sprite (2020)

Aeshnidae – Darner Family

- Aeshna canadensis* - Canada Darner (2007)
- Aeshna constricta* - Lance-tipped Darner (2015)
- Aeshna tuberculifera* - Black-tipped Darner (2016)
- Anax junius* - Common Green Darner (2023)
- Basiaeschna janata* - Springtime Darner (2023)
- Boyeria vinosa* - Fawn Darner (2020)

Gomphidae – Clubtail Family

- Arigomphus cornutus* - Horned Clubtail (2020)
- Arigomphus furcifer* - Lilypad Clubtail (2006)
- Dromogomphus spinosus* - Black-shouldered Spinyleg (2021)
- Gomphurus fraternus* - Midland Clubtail (2023)
- Gomphurus lineatifrons* - Splendid Clubtail (2022)
- Gomphurus vastus* - Cobra Clubtail (2023)
- Gomphurus ventricosus* - Skillet Clubtail (2023)
- Hagenius brevistylus* - Dragonhunter (2021)
- Hylogomphus adelphus* - Mustached Clubtail (2011)

Hylogomphus viridifrons - Green-faced Clubtail (2019)
Ophiogomphus colubrinus - Boreal Snaketail (2005)
Ophiogomphus howei - Pygmy Snaketail (2022)
Ophiogomphus rupinsulensis - Rusty Snaketail (2022)
Ophiogomphus smithi - Sioux Snaketail (2013)
Ophiogomphus susbehcha - St. Croix Snaketail (2022)
Phanogomphus exilis - Lancet Clubtail (2006)
Phanogomphus lividus - Ashy Clubtail (2020)
Phanogomphus quadricolor - Rapids Clubtail (2023)
Phanogomphus spicatus - Dusky Clubtail (2022)
Stylurus amnicola - Riverine Clubtail (2007)
Stylurus notatus - Elusive Clubtail (2005)
Stylurus scudderi - Zebra Clubtail (2005)
Stylurus spiniceps - Arrow Clubtail (2005)

Cordulegastridae – Spiketail Family

Cordulegaster maculata - Twin-spotted Spiketail (2020)

Macromiidae – Cruiser Family

Didymops transversa - Stream Cruiser (2019)
Macromia illinoensis illinoensis - Swift River Cruiser (Illinois River Cruiser ssp.) (2023)

Corduliidae – Emerald Family

Cordulia shurtleffii - American Emerald (2020)
Dorocordulia libera - Racket-tailed Emerald (2021)
Epitheca canis - Beaverpond Baskettail (2021)
Epitheca cynosura - Common Baskettail (2021)
Epitheca princeps - Prince Baskettail (2022)
Epitheca spinigera - Spiny Baskettail (2022)
Neurocordulia molesta - Smoky Shadowdragon (2005)
Neurocordulia yamaskanensis - Stygian Shadowdragon (2019)

Libellulidae – Skimmer Family

Celithemis elisa - Calico Pennant (2020)
Celithemis eponina - Halloween Pennant (2020)
Erythemis simplicicollis - Eastern Pondhawk (2020)
Ladona julia - Chalk-fronted Corporal (2023)
Leucorrhinia frigida - Frosted Whiteface (2020)
Leucorrhinia glacialis - Crimson-ringed Whiteface (2006)
Leucorrhinia hudsonica - Hudsonian Whiteface (2020)
Leucorrhinia intacta - Dot-tailed Whiteface (2023)
Leucorrhinia proxima - Belted Whiteface (2006)
Libellula luctuosa - Widow Skimmer (2021)
Libellula pulchella - Twelve-spotted Skimmer (2021)
Libellula quadrimaculata - Four-spotted Skimmer (2023)
Nannothemis bella - Elfin Skimmer (2006)
Pachydiplax longipennis - Blue Dasher (2020)
Perithemis tenera - Eastern Amberwing (2007)
Plathemis lydia - Common Whitetail (2022)
Sympetrum internum - Cherry-faced Meadowhawk (2004)
Sympetrum obtrusum - White-faced Meadowhawk (2020)

Sympetrum vicinum - Autumn Meadowhawk (2005)

Tramea lacerata - Black Saddlebags (2020)