



Common Green Darner

Anax junius

FAMILY: DARNER

- Flyer
- Very common on lakes and ponds
- Large and conspicuous
- Migratory

ABOUT

The Common Green Darner is quite large and conspicuous. This dragonfly spends most of the day flying back and forth over water.

One of Delaware's migratory species, they are often seen along the coast migrating in large numbers in the spring and fall.

MALES VS FEMALES

Males have beautiful green thoraxes and bright blue abdomens. Females are the same except their abdomens are brown. Males and females spend most of the day flying back and forth over lakes, ponds and large rivers. They are rarely seen perched.

WHAT DO THEY EAT?

The Common Green Darner usually eat small flying insects like gnats and mosquitos. Although, they can take larger prey. They capture their prey while flying by using their mouths.

LAYING EGGS

Like all dragonflies, they lay their eggs in water. However, they prefer to lay on vegetation, such as lily pads.

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<https://tinyurl.com/GreenDarner>

FUN FACT

They are often the first dragonfly seen in the spring and one of the last seen in the fall.