



Arboretum

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Volunteer Position Description

Title: Dragonfly Monitor

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Purpose: To monitor dragonflies and provide valuable information about these indicator species to the Arboretum research programs.

Major Responsibilities: Visit designated Arboretum ponds, wetlands, and streams to look for dragonflies, collect data, and submit data sheets.

Qualifications: An interest in natural history, curiosity about dragonflies. Enjoyment of being outdoors. Willingness to learn dragonfly identification skills. Willingness to submit data sheets. Willingness to work under hot and humid conditions and in environments with mosquitoes. Binoculars and camera are not required, but they may help with dragonfly identification.

Training: Training is provided in workshop and field formats, with indoor and outdoor components.

Time Commitment: Monitoring can be done as much as participants would like. Each survey includes 20-30 minutes of time in the field, plus time to upload any photos and datasheets. The surveys take place during the dragonfly flight season, usually April-October, with peak activity in June and July.

Benefits:

- Participate in important monitoring work to benefit native dragonflies.
- Learn about dragonfly life history, ecology, phenology, resource use, and behavior.
- Develop monitoring skills that can be applied at sites and projects beyond the Arboretum.
- Recognition in the Arboretum newsletter and at volunteer recognition events.

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