



Dragonflies and Damselflies

Dragons and Damsels





Dragonfly

They are more than 2" long.

Hind wings are broader than fore wings and not as tapered.

Wings open at rest.

Large close together eyes.

Chunky body.

Strong, fast, agile.

Damselfly

Damselflies are 1.5"-2" long.

Fore and hind wings are the same size and tapered where they meet the body.

Wings are closed, resting against their bodies at rest.

Eyes are smaller with a gap.

They have long, thin twig-like bodies.

They are slower and weaker than dragonflies.



Odonata

Wings together when they're resting tells me that's a damselfly;

Wings much broader and spread open dragonfly now low or high.



Be an Odonata detective!

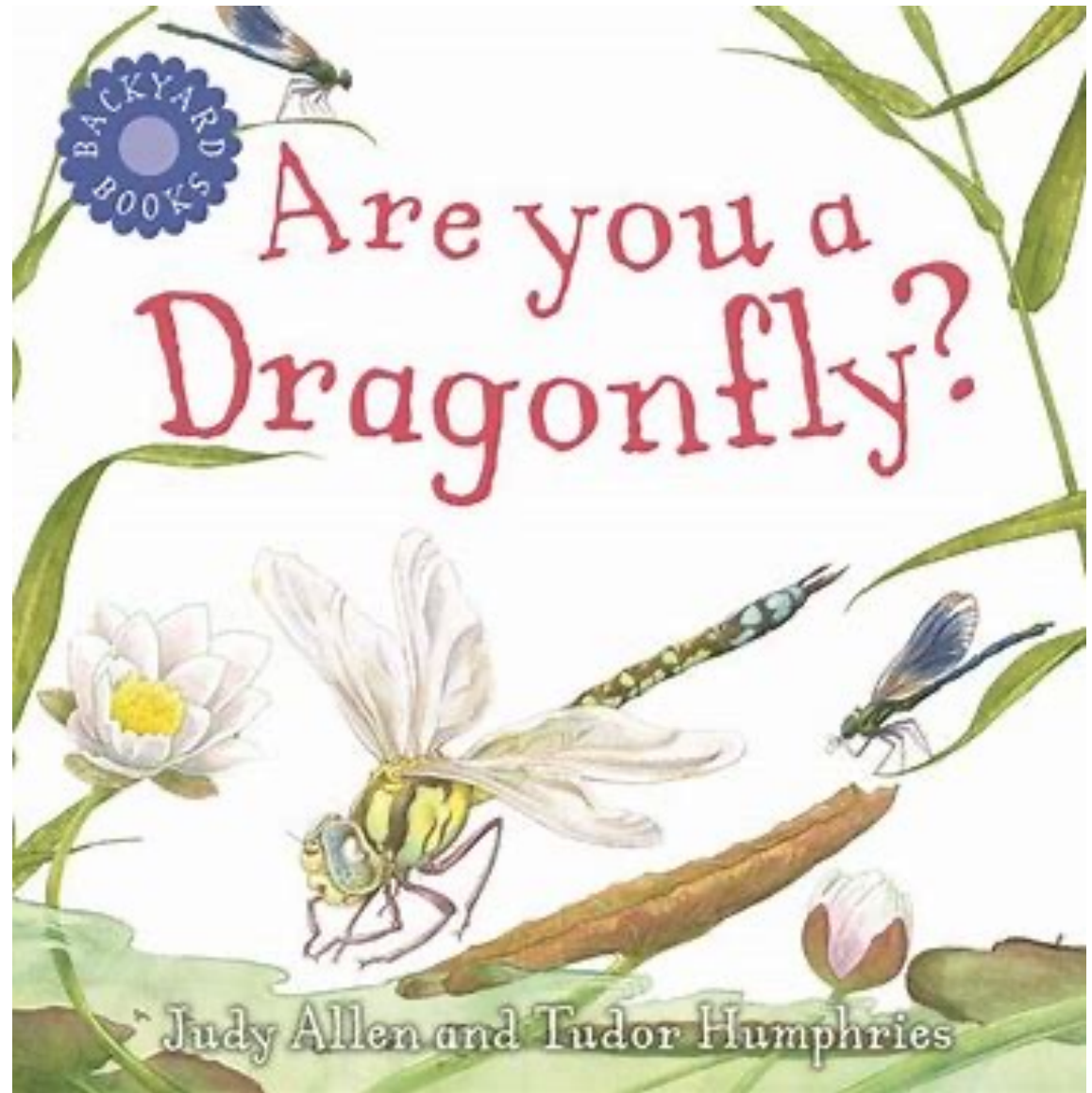
Can you spot a damselfly or dragonfly over the savannah or by a water feature?

You can make a dragonfly with a popsicle stick and paper wings.

And make dragonfly and damselfly pretzel twist and stick snacks!



Learn about
dragonflies!



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