

# LIBELLULA DEPRESSA.

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## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Os maxillosum : maxillis pluribus.

*Antennæ* thorace breviores.

*Alæ* extensæ.

*Cauda* (maris) forcipata.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 901.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

LIBELLULA abdomine depresso, maris cæruleo,  
feminæ flavo.

LIBELLULA alis omnibus basi nigricantibus,  
thorace lineis duabus flavis, abdomine lanceolato, lateribus flavescente.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 902.

*Roes.* 2. t. 6. 7.

*Edw. av.* t. 333.

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Formosæ hujus Libellulæ, cui eadem fere est indoles et vivendi ratio ac reliquis congeneribus, discrepant adeo colores in mari et femina, ut ad speciei distinctionem forma præcipue valeat. Mari est corpus læte cæruleum, maculis in marginibus fuscis; feminæ splendide flavum, maculis iisdem quibus mas conspersum. Non aliter quam *Libellula grandis*, rivos locaque aquosa celerrime prætervolat, sub finem æstatis præcipue conspecta.







THE  
DEPRESSED LIBELLULA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Mouth* consisting of several mandibles.

*Antennæ* very slender, filiform, shorter than the thorax.

*Wings* spreading.

*Abdomen* lengthened.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Flat-Bodied LIBELLULA; that of the male blue, of the female yellow.

The Flat-Bodied Dragon-Fly.

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This beautiful insect, the general manners or habits of which resemble those of its congeners, is of so different a colour in the different sexes, that the shape is the chief criterion of the species. The body of the male is of a bright blue, with brown marginal variegations, while that of the female, on the contrary, is of a bright yellow, with similar marginal markings. Like the *Libellula grandis*, this species is principally seen towards the decline of summer, and flies with great rapidity about the neighbourhood of brooks and stagnant waters.



Shaw, George. 1801. "The Depressed Libellula, *Libellula depressa* [Pl. 471]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 12(CXL), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310917>.

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