

LIBELLULA DEPRESSA.

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 lan-
ceolato, lateribus flavescente.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 902.

Roes. 2. t. 6. 7.

Edw. av. t. 333.

Formosæ hujus Libellulæ, cui eadem fere est in-
doles et vivendi ratio ac reliquis congeneribus, dis-
crepant adeo colores in mari et femina, ut ad spe-
ciei 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 gran-*
dis, 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.

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.



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