



# Golden-ringed Dragonfly

(*Cordulegaster boltonii*)

**Description:** Yellow and black stripes along their body and bright-green eyes.

**Predator style:** Ambush

**Size:** Up to 40mm long

**Habitat:** Acidic gravel bottomed slow streams/  
ponds with waterside vegetation

**Food:** Insects, including other dragonflies



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One of the largest and most striking British species of dragonfly. Adults will fly quite far from the water hunting for small insect prey over the heather.

Golden-ringed dragonflies are slow growing and spend as long as 5 years in the water as a wingless carnivorous nymph, before they are ready to emerge.

They emerge between May and September crawling from the water up the nearest plant stem. Their bodies then split to reveal their wings, transforming them into a harmless but impressive adult dragonfly.



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