

Dragonfly Nymph Information



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In the nymph state, dragonflies are aquatic insects. They live amongst the leaves and mud and feed upon other aquatic insects.

The strategy is to place nymphs into an acceptable location, like a pond or lake, where you think mosquitoes are breeding. The nymphs may feed on mosquito larvae and other insects, thereby reducing the number of adult mosquitos emerging from the water. The nymphs that survive will themselves emerge later on as adult dragonflies and will feed on insects “on the fly.”

A “rule of thumb” when it comes to quantity of dragonflies is 100 dragonflies per 1-2 acres of standing water. They are best placed by simply dropping a few nymphs into the water’s edge at intervals along the shore.

The dragonfly nymphs supplied are fresh-water species and will not survive well in brackish or saline solutions, such as salt marshes.