Dragonflies and damselflies are charismatic insects, easily recognised by their large size and dazzling body colours. This makes them a good target for biological recording. 33 dragonfly and damselfly species have been recorded in Ireland, with 25 of these considered resident. Dragonflies are larger, more robust looking, and have eyes that are large and close together, whereas damselflies have longer, slender looking bodies with eyes widely separated. Male dragonflies and damselflies are generally easier to identify and are often to be found nearer the waters edge.