

Gynacantha khasiaca

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A team of four citizen scientists recently recorded Gynacantha khasiaca, a rare dragonfly commonly known as the long-tailed duskhawker, from the Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve.

About Gynacantha khasiaca

- It is a rare **species of dragonfly**, commonly known as the **long-tailed duskhawker**.
- It has **resurfaced** in the dense rainforests of **Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- It is the **first confirmed record** of the dragonfly **from Arunachal Pradesh in 110 years**.
- It was last officially recorded in Arunachal Pradesh in 1914 from the Abor Hills region.
- **Outside India**, the dragonfly has only been reported from scattered locations in **Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh**.
- Within India, confirmed records remain sparse, with occasional sightings from Assam, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, and Maharashtra.

- The male dragonfly was first spotted rapidly patrolling the forest edge on a cloudy morning before **settling into a vertical hanging posture beneath dense vegetation — behaviour typical of elusive duskhawker species.**
- The insect itself is visually striking, with **pale blue-green eyes**, a **bright green thorax** marked by **dark stripes**, **transparent amber-tinted wings**, and a **long black-tipped abdomen** stretching nearly five centimetres.
- Globally, the species is classified as **“Data Deficient”** by the IUCN Red List.

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