

Saffron Reedtail Damselfly

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Recently, two naturalists have spotted the saffron reedtail damselfly for the first time in Karnataka along the Netravati River.

About Saffron Reedtail Damselfly

- It is referred to as **Indosticta deccanensis** and commonly called saffron reedtail because of the saffron bodies.
- This particular species belongs to the **family Platystictidae**, commonly **referred to as shadow damselflies**.
- **Saffron Reedtail Damselfly Appearance:** They are slender and delicate insects.
- It is a rare species endemic to the **Western Ghats of India**.

Habitat of Saffron Reedtail Damselfly

- They are seen in streams surrounded by thick vegetation and usually found near slow-moving forest streams where they rely on pristine water quality for their lifecycle.
- Prior to this discovery, the distribution of these damselflies was documented in the southern parts of the Western Ghats (In Kerala and Tamil Nadu)
- The presence of them is an indicator of a healthy ecosystem, as they are highly sensitive to environmental changes and pollution.

What are Damselflies?

- They are a group of **predatory, aerial insects** that are in the order Odonata.
- **Habitat of Damselflies:** Damselflies are found mainly near **shallow, freshwater habitats** and are graceful fliers with slender bodies and long, filmy, net-veined wings.
- They are generally smaller, more delicate, and fly weakly in comparison with dragonflies.

Saffron Reedtail Damselfly FAQs

Q1: Where is Western Ghats located?

Ans: A chain of mountains running parallel to India's western coast, approximately 30-50 km inland.

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