

Yellow-tailed Ashy Skimmer

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Yellow-tailed Ashy Skimmer Latest News

At the Yamuna Biodiversity Park, Yellow-tailed Ashy Skimmer (*Potamarcha congener*) has been recorded for the first time during a recent Dragonfly survey in Delhi.

About Yellow-tailed Ashy Skimmer

- It is a **species of dragonfly** in the family Libellulidae.
- Scientific Name: *Potamarcha congener*
- It is **one of two species in its group, called Potamarcha**. The other species is *Potamarcha puella*.
- It is also known as the **common chaser, or swampwatcher**.
- **Distribution:** It is common through much of its range, which stretches through parts of **South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania**, including in countries such as **India, Indonesia, China, Australia, and Vietnam**.

Yellow-tailed Ashy Skimmer Features

- It is a **medium-sized** dragonfly.
- Its body is **bluish-black near the head**.
- Its **tail is yellow** with **black marks**.
- The **face** of this dragonfly can be **yellowish-green to dark brown**.
- Its **eyes are reddish-brown on top**. They are bluish-grey underneath.
- **Male Dragonflies**: Adult males have a **bluish powder-like coating**. This covers their upper body and the first part of their abdomen.
- **Female Dragonflies**: Females have **yellow and black stripes on their sides**. Their **abdomen is black** with dull **orange marks**.
- It **can fly backward**, showcasing **incredible aerial agility** uncommon in other flying insects.

Yellow-tailed Ashy Skimmer Conservation Status

It is classified as '**Least Concern**' under the IUCN Red List.

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