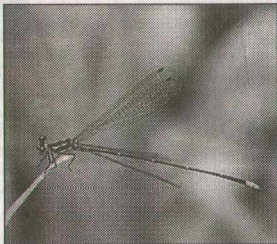
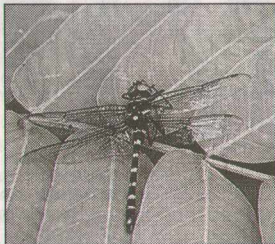


66 dragonfly species spotted at Aralam

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Spotted Torrent Hawk and Malabar bamboo tail, which were newly spotted at the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary during the dragonfly survey

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Kozhikode: The third dragonfly survey, conducted at Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, has spotted 66 species, including 32 damselflies and 34 dragonflies. Of these 10 species are endemic to Western Ghats.

New additions spotted at the sanctuary are Spotted Torrent Hawk (*Epophthalmia frontalis*), Malabar bamboo tail (*Melano-neura bilineata*) and Black-tipped Ground Skimmer (*Diplacodes nebulosa*). The first two are narrow endemics and reported only from southern most part of the Western Ghats.

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With this, the total number of odonate species found in the sanctuary has risen to 98, said Aralam wildlife warden V Sajikumar. As many as 50 dragonfly watchers – led by researchers Jaffer Palot, C G Kiran, V C Balakrishnan – participated in the survey.