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Animal Fact Sheet

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Green Darner Dragonfly

Anax junius

Anax junius is one of the very few insects known to make a true long-distance seasonal migration, and it does so in relay. Isotope analysis of wing chitin, published in 2018, showed that a first gene…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Aeshnidae
Habitat: Freshwater wetlands, ponds, lakes, and slow-moving streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years (including nymph stage)
Weight: 0.5–1.0 grams
Scientific name: Anax junius

Did you know?

- Unlike most insects, the Green Darner Dragonfly migrates in swarms that can number in the millions, similar to some species of birds.
- Adult green darners can raise their body temperature by whirring their wings before dawn, letting them start hunting before rivals warm up. The migra…

What I learned

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