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Wandering Glider Dragonfly

Pantala flavescens

The wandering glider (Pantala flavescens), also called the globe skimmer, makes the longest migration of any insect. Individuals cross the open Indian Ocean between India, the Maldives, the Seychelle…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Libellulidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, lakes, marshes, temporary rain pools
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-6 months
Weight: 0.2–0.3 grams
Scientific name: Pantala flavescens

Did you know?

- The Wandering Glider holds the record for the longest known migration of any insect, traveling distances up to 18,000 kilometers.
- Its multi-generational migration across the Indian Ocean covers a longer distance than the monarch butterfly's, making it the longest of any insect. …

What I learned

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