

TWELVE-SPOTTED (*Libellula pulchella*) SKIMMER

Bug
of the
Month



The twelve-spotted skimmer is a common dragonfly found across North America near marshy wetlands and shallow pools.

This large dragonfly is named for the black spots on its wings. In addition to the black spots, males have ten white spots, which can sometimes lead to them being called the ten-spotted skimmer. Females only have black spots.

The adults are most active in mid-summer. They feed on any small, soft-bodied flying insect such as mosquitoes, flies, and small moths. The larvae feed on a variety of aquatic insects, such as mosquito larvae.

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