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## Keeled skimmer *Orthetrum coerulescens*

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### Species information

**i** **Common name**  
Keeled skimmer

**Latin name**  
*Orthetrum coerulescens*

**Category**  
Invertebrates  
Dragonflies and damselflies

#### Statistics

**🌍 Conservation status**  
Classed by IUCN as a species of least concern.

### About

This medium-size dragonfly species is locally common in some areas of Britain but has a patchy distribution. Main habitat is heaths and commons with shallow pools.

Individuals are quite skittish in flight but can be seen quite a distance from water despite its seemingly weak flight.

### How to identify

Slimmer than the black-tailed skimmer and the male has no black tip.

### Where to find it

The keeled skimmer is found mainly in pools and streams in wet heathland area.

### Habitats

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## When to find it



## How can people help

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