

49 species of odonates detected as dragonflies and damselflies ^[1]

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For researchers Norman Maldonado Benítez and Ashley Mariani Ríos, the options for studying odonates are "infinite". Below, specimens of *Erythrodiplax umbrata* and *Ischnura capreolus* (Supplied).

Research on their natural history and ecology was published in three scientific journals.

After eight decades without scientific publications on their natural history and limited studies on their ecology, researchers confirmed the presence of 49 species belonging to the order Odonata in Puerto Rico.

They also found that the canalization of rivers and streams can affect the abundance of these organisms in urban habitats, and identified that three Caribbean endemic species are abundant in two streams of El Yunque National Forest.

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