

Eight-Spotted Skimmer

(Libellula forensis)



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The adults hunt from perches on sticks and rocks.

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How to Identify:

- This large dragonfly has a length of about two inches.
- The “eight spots” in the name refer to the total number of spots on the wings.

Habitat:

- Ponds, lakes, and slow streams.
- It occurs throughout Idaho at low elevations.
- Adults fly from June to mid-August



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Fun Facts:

- Adults feed on a variety of flying insects including mosquitoes, flies, butterflies, moths, mayflies, and flying ants or termites.
- The aquatic larvae feed on mosquito larvae, other aquatic fly larvae, mayfly larvae, freshwater shrimp, small fish, and tadpoles.



Help Protect the Eight-Spotted Skimmer

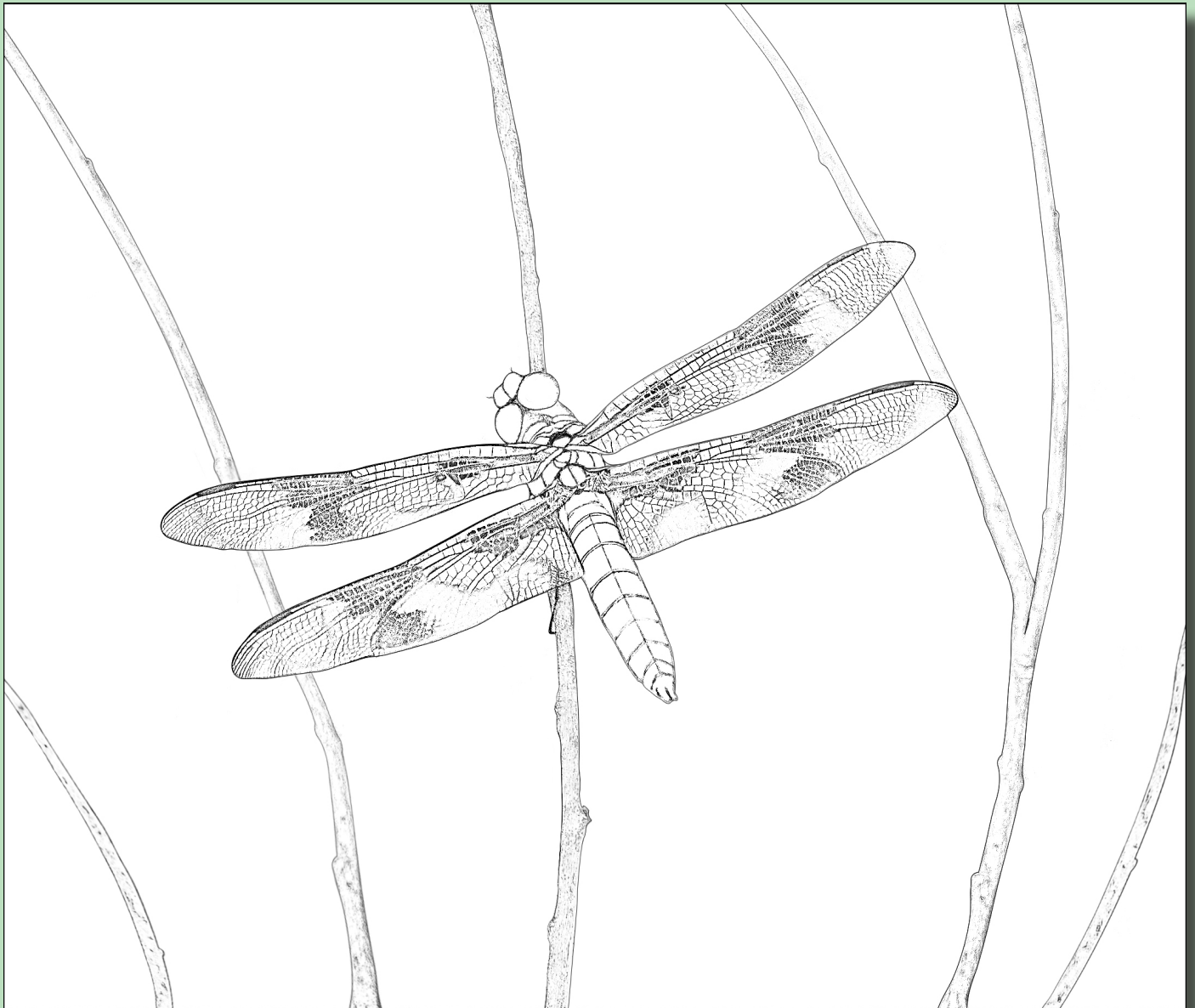
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Support conservation of natural areas for all wildlife.

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ACTIVITY TIME

1. On your next visit to an Idaho State Park, check out the dragonflies you see, are there any Eight-spotted skimmers at the park?

2. If there were no dragonflies, would we have more or less flies and mosquitoes?
