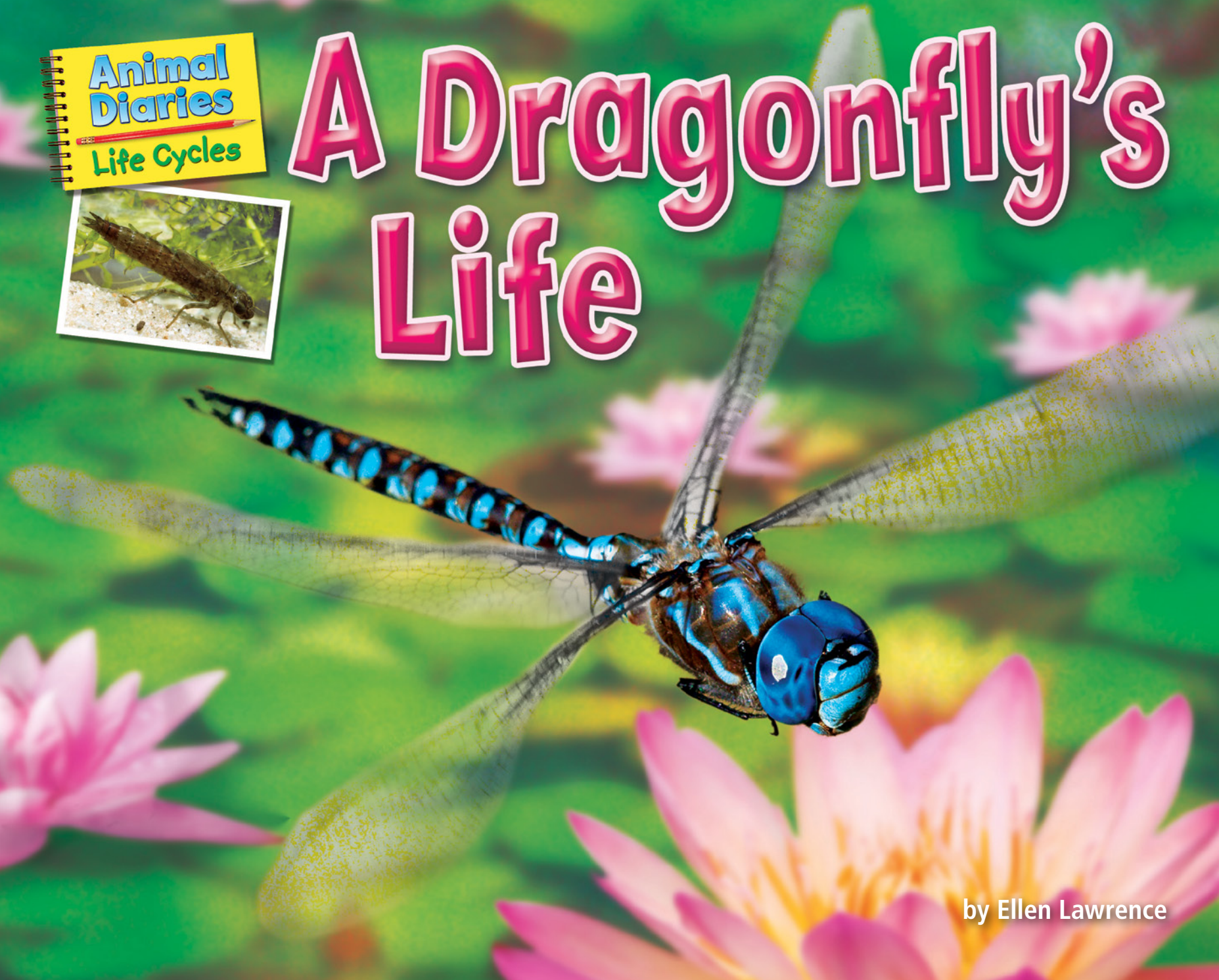


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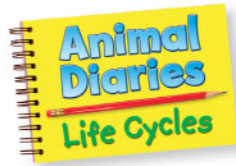


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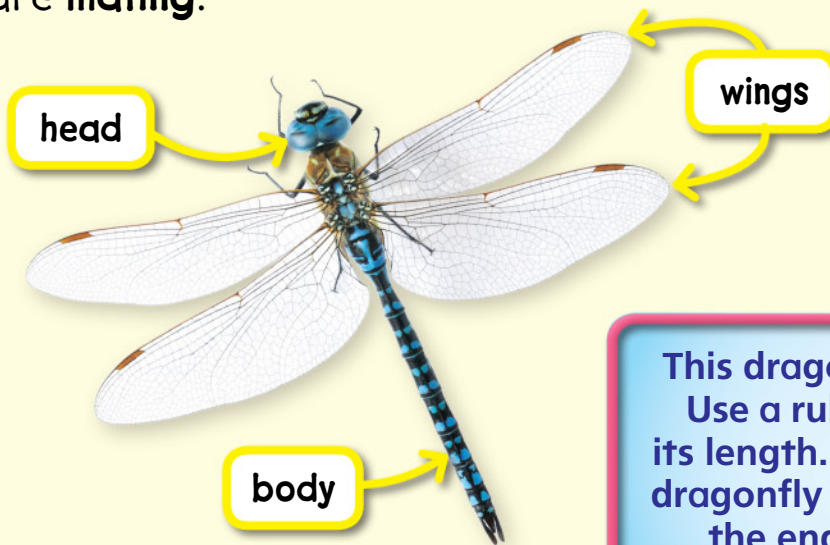
Date: June 1

Watching Dragonflies

Today, I watched dragonflies at the lake near my grandpa's house.

Dragonflies are colorful flying **insects** with four wings.

It's spring, and the dragonflies are **mating**.



This dragonfly is life-size.
Use a ruler to measure
its length. How long is the
dragonfly from its head to
the end of its body?
How long are its wings?



wings

There are about
5,500 different kinds of
dragonflies in the world.
Their bodies can be bright
colors such as emerald
green, ruby red, or
shiny blue.

eye

body

legs

Date: **June 2** _____

Dragonfly Eggs

Grandpa says that after mating, some kinds of female dragonflies lay their eggs in water.

Others lay their eggs on plants near lakes and ponds.

Today, I saw a female dragonfly laying her eggs at the lake.

She held onto the leaf of a water plant.

Then she dipped the tip of her body into the water and let the eggs come out.



A close-up photograph of a female dragonfly with a green and brown body and transparent wings, perched on a green reed stem. She is depositing a cluster of small, brownish eggs onto the stem. The dragonfly's reflection is visible in the calm water below. A yellow callout box points to the egg cluster.

**a female dragonfly
laying eggs**

**A female dragonfly
lays hundreds of eggs
at a time. Then she flies
away. She does not
take care of the eggs
or her young.**

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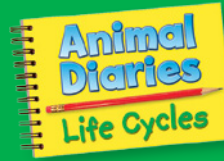
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One spring day, Joseph was at his grandpa's house where he watched colorful dragonflies fill the sky. His grandpa explained that it was mating time, and the female dragonflies would be laying their eggs soon. The very next day, Joseph saw dragonfly eggs in a nearby lake. He decided to follow the dragonflies for the next few months and to write about what he saw in his diary. When you read it, you'll be amazed to discover how the eggs in the water eventually become beautiful grown-up dragonflies.

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