

Hi all,



Yet another flight season is close to ending with species of *Sympetrum* and *Aeshna*, i.e. Darters and Hawkers being the last on the wing. These would be called Meadowhawks and Darners respectively if you happen to be American. The records continued to trickle in throughout the season despite some prolonged periods of unsettled weather during the summer. Sadly, after June my own recording activities dwindled considerably through being away.

Recording progress: new records for SH45.

When I took over as the dragonfly recorder for the five counties of North Wales in April 2004, 10 km square SH45 south of Caernarvon was typical of many across the region that had pitifully few records of any odonate species. Even when I prepared the first species plots for January 2007 there were only two species recorded for that square - *Sympetrum striolatum* (Common Darter) and *Pyrrhosoma nymphula* (Large Red Damselfly)! Now the square has only 8 species left that could reasonably be expected there (see updated Missing Species Chart attached). Two new species have even been added last month. Rhys Jones sent in a photo (see below) of a male *Aesha mixa* (Migrant Hawker) taken on the 11th September 2010 at Morfa Dinlle. The other was a sighting of a male *Sympetrum danae* (Black Darter) seen on the 28 September by Rhys while he surveying unsuccessfully for Marsh Fritillary larval webs at Lleuar Fawr Farm between Llanllyfni and Pontllyfni. The wet heath and quaking bog there contains the odd small pool.



John Lawton Roberts has been targeting 'missing species' for 10 km squares SJ14 and SJ24 during this current flight season and sent me his results a few days ago. He has considerably reduced the number still to be found there (see attached chart).

A reminder of a warmer September.



It must have been hot! Sue Loose took this male *Sympetrum striolatum* (Common Darter) in obelisk position near a Bodfari pond on 9th September 2010.

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