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Hi all,



Black-tailed Skimmer emerges

New species continue to emerge across North Wales including *Orthetrum cancellatum* (Black-tailed Skimmer). I visited the lake at Abergele Business Park on the 25th May and found two freshly emerged adults. The lake is maturing well and, in contrast to the nearby heavily polluted Pentre Mawr Park lakes, already supports a number of odonates. This is a new site for the species and the most westerly in North Wales where it has been shown to breed.

Downy Emerald hanging on at Llyn Tecwyn Isaf

On the 18th May I called off at Llyn Tecwyn Isaf, south of Penrhyndeudraeth, to search for *Cordulia aenea* (Downy Emerald) as I was concerned that it hadn't been seen there for two years. I was rewarded with finding several fully mature adults. They were sheltering from the strong wind, sunning themselves in the long grass, and typically flew up into the trees as I approached but I did manage to photograph a male and female.



Male *Cordulia aenea*, Llyn Tecwyn Isaf. 18th May 2011. Photo A. Brandon



Female *Cordulia aenea*, Llyn Tecwyn Isaf. 18 May 2011. Photo A. Brandon

Other species in the grass included *Orthetrum coerulescens* (Keeled Skimmer) and *Brachytron pratense* (Hairy Hawker).



Female *Orthetrum coerulescens*, Llyn Tecwyn Isaf. 18 May 2011. Photo A. Brandon



Female *Brachytron pratense*, Llyn Tecwyn Isaf. 18 May 2011. Photo A. Brandon

Beautiful Demoiselle along the Afon Llyfni

Rhys Jones came across a good population of *Calopteryx virgo* (Beautiful Demoiselle) near the coast along the Afon Llyfni at Pontllyfni on the 19th May. He sent in these lovely photos of male and female.



Female *Calopteryx virgo*, Afon Llyfni. 19 May 2011. Photo Rhys Jones.



Male *Calopteryx virgo*, Afon Llyfni. 19 May 2011. Photo Rhys Jones.

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