

North Wales Dragonfly Newsletter No. 47: 29 Aug 2010.

Hi all,



There are still fewer records than expected being sent in but many thanks to those who are still sending them. I've been away again and so sadly haven't made any contributions myself.

Ruddy Darter at Deeside NR, Connah's Quay.

Linda Jones sent in photos of a male and female Ruddy Darter (*Sympetrum sanguineum*) taken on 13 August 2010 at the Deeside NR, Connah's Quay. This is a completely new record for 10 km square SJ27. There are remarkably few records of this species from North Wales and it is currently thought to be confined to the extreme eastern parts of the region although in the 1997-9 period it appeared to extend its range to even reach Bardsey Island. If you have seen it please let me know.



Male Ruddy Darter, Deeside NR, on the 13th August 2010 (photo Linda M Jones).

Brown Hawker along the Lleyn?

Dave Lamacraft was sure he saw a Brown Hawker whilst cycling the lanes near the Afon Soch near Llangian on the 15th August. Like the Ruddy Darter, this is an eastern species in North Wales and its status west of the Clwydian range is uncertain. I would love to receive a photograph to confirm its presence there (see also North Wales Dragonfly News No. 29, 11 March 2009).

Blue-eyed Hawker now attempting to breed in UK

There have been regular sightings of the Blue-eyed or Southern Migrant Hawker (*Aeshna affinis*) in Essex and Kent during late July and early August (see <http://www.dragonflysoc.org.uk/hotnews.asp>). These include ovipositing pairs. This is a typical southern European species and previously only rare migrants had been reported from England.



Male *Aeshna affinis*, south of France, August 2009 (photo A. Brandon).

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