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Hi all,



Now that the 2008 flight season is well and truly over I can get round to thanking those who have contributed records this year. So, in no particular order, I would like to send a special thanks to those mentioned below whose records are much appreciated:

Julian Weldrick, Neil Friswell, Bryan Formstone, Les Colley, Andy Harmer, Ian Hawkins, Julian Thompson, Ian Sims, Debbie Evans, Emma Broad, Sally Davies, Peter Heywood, Carl Legge, Bill Furse, Bernard Rose, Peter Smith, Geoff Gibbs, Bryn Dickinson, Peter Latham, Matt Latham, John Lawton Roberts, Dewi Edwards, Rob Strachan, Mike Jackson, Chris Jones, Simon Newstead, Simon Hughes, Michael Kinsey, Bill & Mandi Taylor, Andrew & Janet Graham, Richard Gallon, Marc Hughes, Carl Sargeant, Anna Williams, Brian Gage, Eddie & Sally Urbanski, John Phillips, Rob Sandam, Andrew Clarke, Andrew Spottiswood, Chris Perry, Linda Tudor, Frances Cattanach, Elaine Walker, Ralph Swindlehurst, Jan Miller, Dan Brown, Kate Williamson, Simon Halstead, Joan Daniels, Wil Stewart.

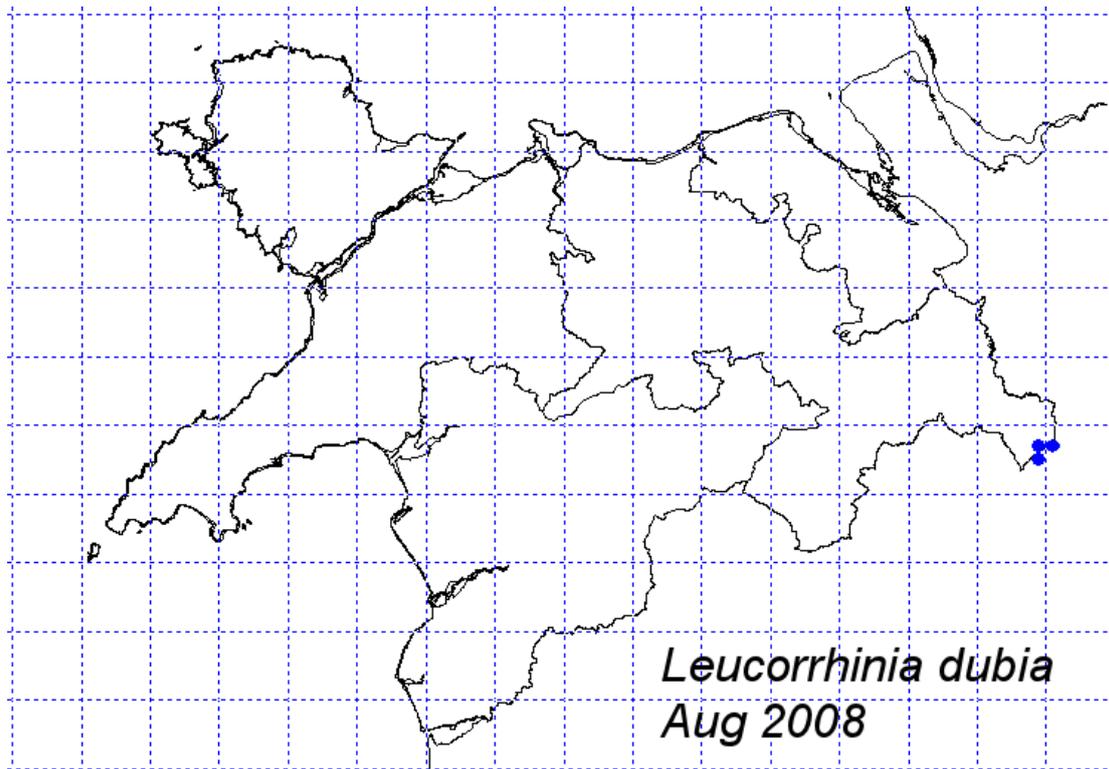
I only hope I've got everybody down here. Do please carry on with recording next year and encourage your friends and colleagues to do the same.

#### **Update on Black Darter (*Sympetrum danae*)**

In response to me suggesting in Newsletter No. 22 that the Black Darter may be extinct in Anglesey, Les Colley has commented on seeing single males at Cors Erddreiniog over the years and photographed a male on 1<sup>st</sup> September this year. He thinks they are present at a very low density but has never seen a female there.

#### **The one that got away**

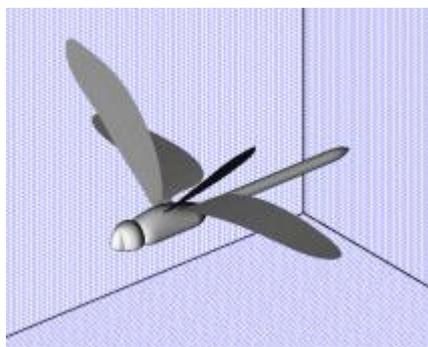
For no apparent reason the map of White-faced Darter or Small Whiteface (*Leucorrhinia dubia*) was not included with the previous species distribution maps. It is a northern European species that likes sphagnum bog pools and is likely to be hit hard by climatic warming. Our only occurrence is at Fenn's Moss. The species has been lost at Gull Pool and Black Lake, Delamere, Cheshire but a thriving community is still to be found at Chartley Moss, Staffordshire.



#### **Llyn Tecwyn Isaf [SH 629 368]**

For a single site, this natural and stunningly beautiful Merionethshire lake is rather special in containing one of our most diverse dragonfly assemblages, including some local rarities. These include the Small Red Damselfly (*Ceragrion tenellum*), Hairy Hawker (*Brachytron pratense*) and our only occurrence of Downy Emerald (*Cordulia aenea*). Unfortunately, the site has no protection and happens to be the only coarse fishing lake in the vicinity. I learned recently that in 2003 consent was issued to an Ipswich fishing concern by the Environment Agency Wales to stock the lake with Mirror and Common Carp. Although Downy Emerald is not regarded as nationally scarce Llyn Tecwyn Isaf is probably its last remaining site in Wales. Adrian Fowles informs me that the species may now be extinct at the only other Welsh site, Pysgodlyn Mawr in Glamorgan, following the introduction of Grass Carp which have destroyed the marginal vegetation on the SSSI.

Let's hope we get a better flight season next year.



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