

North Wales Dragonfly Newsletter No 38. 20 October 2009

Hi all,



There hasn't been much to report for quite a while. Few records have been sent in due to the generally lousy weather and my own field work has taken a back seat. The thought of travelling tens of miles only to have dark clouds blot out the sun has kept me involved in other things. I send a special thanks to those who continued to send in records. If anybody has sent me records, or any other communication, and I haven't responded would they please get in touch again.

Brown Hawker (*Aeshna grandis*) in the western areas

There have been no Brown Hawker sightings in the west of North Wales this flight season. This time last year we had five possible to likely records.

Red-veined Darter (*Sympetrum fonscolombii*) second brood emergence

Adrian Parr, Migrant Dragonfly Project officer for BDS, informed me today that down in Pembrokeshire there are large numbers of second-generation Red-veined Darters emerging. These very probably resulted from breeding after the June invasion. It is possible that they're not quite so advanced in N. Wales, assuming they bred here, in which case we may get emergences next spring. If there is a really fine and warm day soon, like last Saturday when I sadly didn't look for them, it could be that we get some Red-veined Darter flying!

Tillyard's 'The Biology of Dragonflies' & Corbet's 'A Biology of Dragonflies'

These two books are now available on line thanks to Richard Rowe who writes:

'There is now a machine-searchable pdf version of Tillyard available (~13Mb) through

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/tbiol/zoology/auxilry/odonata/tillyar1.htm>

With the general increase in bandwidth the links to the single chapter files have been removed.

Corbet 1962 'A biology of Dragonflies' is also available as a machine readable pdf file through

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/tbiol/zoology/auxilry/odonata/corbet.htm>

The file is about 6.5Mb. Again the old image-only pdf files have had their links removed .

This was done as part of the 'dragonfiles' project

(<http://medusa.jcu.edu.au/Dragonflies>).

I hope to have a student volunteer digitising literature in the near future - so many pieces of classical literature will (cross-fingers) have links to digital versions in the not too distant future.'

Bottom Line

And the bottom line must go to this photo sent in by Mel Smith, an old colleague, of St Louis, Missouri:



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