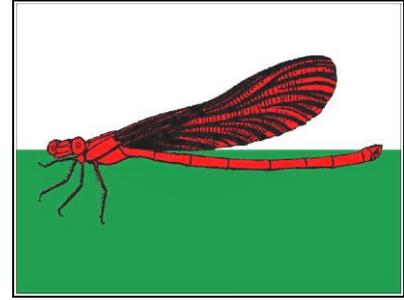


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NORTH WALES DRAGONFLY NEWSLETTER No. 68



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Odonata news and events from across the vice counties of
Anglesey, Merionethshire, Caernarvonshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire



Hi all,

It's the end of yet another flight season made notable by an exceptionally prolonged period of wet weather. This coincided nationally with observations of bluets with more black markings than normal and it will be interesting to see if the same continues next year. It is also the last flight season before the new British and Irish atlas is due out. So please send in any outstanding records you may have as soon as possible so that they can be incorporated into the atlas database.

New records sent in for 10 km squares (hectads)

Dewi Lewis reported a visiting *Cordulegaster boltoni* at his Gwyddelwern fishing lake [SJ073464] in August which is a new record for hectad SJ04.

Simon Hughes found the first record of *Lestes sponsa* at Glascoed Nature Reserve [SJ011740] on the 21st August which makes a new record for SJ07.

Andy Williams has sent in a fine batch of Anglesey records and saw *A. mixta* in cop at Llyn y Fydlyn, Carmel Head on the 19th September which is a new record for SH29. He also saw several in cop on the 22nd September at the same locality (see photo below).

Sue Loose also sent in a marvellous batch of records for Denbighshire which includes three new hectad records. One was set for hectad SJ24 when she observed several adult and exuviae of *Lestes sponsa* at the pond at Ty Mawr Nature Reserve [SJ282412] on the 25th August. Then on a visit to Clywedog reservoir [SJ008573], Clocaenog, on the 2nd September she sighted several *Lestes sponsa* and *Sympetrum danae* which are new to hectad SJ05.

Some of this year's dragonfly photos sent in



Immature male *Calopteryx virgo* seen along the Afon Ogwen, Nant Francon Pass, on the 18th June 2012. Photo Andy Williams.



Ischnura elegans female form *infuscans obsoleta*, Moelyci, Tregarth, 7th August 2012.
Photo Andy Williams. This is one of five female colour forms, two immature and three mature. This particular one passed through a pink *rufescens* phase.



Copulating pair of *Aeshna mixta*, Llyn y Fydlyn, Carmel Head on 22nd September. Photo Andy Williams.



An old pair of *Sympetrum danae* in cop at Cors Bodgynydd,
13th October 2012. Photo Brian Burnett.



Lestes sponsa at Cors Bodgynydd, 22nd July 2012. Photos Sue Loose. Left: a mature female caught on a sundew. Right: an adult precariously emerges on a sundew.

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