

## North Wales Dragonfly Newsletter No. 56. 21 August 2011.

Hi all,



### More emerging species

Quite a few records were sent in during July but they have virtually dried up in August for some reason.

*Sympetrum danae* (Black Darter) was emerging in immense numbers from our upland acidic bog pools during the first half of July. I witnessed vast numbers emerging from Llyn Tyn y Mynydd, Gwydyr Forest on the 11th July.



Teneral female *Sympetrum danae*, Llyn Tyn y Mynydd. Note entirely black legs and black triangular area on top of the thorax separate it readily from *S. striolatum*. The glossy wings and white pterostigmata indicate a teneral as the latter turn black on maturity.

Several new species records for 10 km squares have been made in July. On the 11<sup>th</sup> July Joan Daniels recorded Black Darter from the part of Fenn's Moss on SJ53 making this new record for the 10km square. On the same day Rhys Jones recorded *Aeshna juncea* (Moorland or Common Hawker) ovipositing in the pools on Mynydd Gilgan headland, Abersoch, a new record for SH 22.



*Aeshna juncea* ovipositing at a Mynydd Gilan pool, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Photo Rhys Jones.

Also on the same day Mandi and Bill Taylor photographed a female *Calopteryx virgo* (Beautiful Demoiselle) along the Afon Taihirion, Migneint, which makes the first record for SH74. Martin Bailey sent in a photo of a male *Libellula depressa* (Broad-bodied Chaser) that he took at his garden pond south-east of Rhyl on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, a species that hasn't been recorded from SJ08 before.



Male *Libellula depressa*, garden pond SE of Rhyl, 10<sup>th</sup> June. Photo Martin Bailey.

**Unusual form of female *Ischura pumilio* (Scarce or Small Bluetail)**

I was in the south of France in the last few weeks and photographed this unusual blue andromorph female form of *Ischnura pumilio*. I have seen many of this species in VCs Anglesey and Caernarvonshire over the last few years but have never come across this form before. The normal mature female coloration is grass green. I would be interested to learn if anybody has seen this blue form in North Wales.



Blue form of female *I. pumilio*, L'Agly, Pyrenees Orientale. August 2011. Photo A. Brandon

### **Dragonfly poem**

Here is a link to a poem by Louise Bogan called The Dragonfly:

[http://www.elabs7.com/functions/message\\_view.html?mid=1308357&mlid=499&siteid=20130&uid=1bb7617740](http://www.elabs7.com/functions/message_view.html?mid=1308357&mlid=499&siteid=20130&uid=1bb7617740)

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