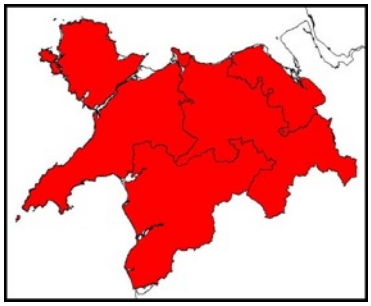
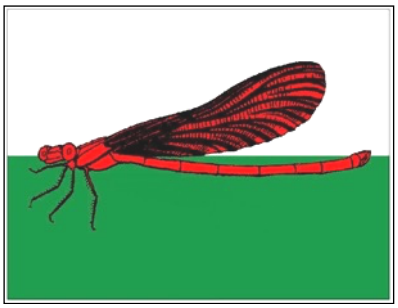


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Hi all,

Vagrant Emperor at Bronington, Wrexham

David Kitching, former Cheshire Dragonfly Recorder, has notified me of a recent female sighting of Vagrant Emperor *Anax ephippiger* at Bronington [SJ486394] on the 16th October. He posted Hanah Duncan's photo on the Migrant Dragonflies Facebook page. No doubt this forms part of a migratory wave across Western Europe and the UK in October driven by warm southerly winds. Recent sightings include multiple reports in Brittany, Belgium, the Isles of Scilly, and Lundy Island. The species could turn up anywhere in North Wales when few dragonflies will be now flying so please keep a look out.



Female Vagrant Emperor *Anax ephippiger* at Bronington, Wrexham on 16th October 2026. Image © Hannah Duncan.

Ruddy Darter on Anglesey

Rudyard Pickling entered a record for the 17th September of a male Ruddy Darter *Sympetrum sanguineum* in the Newborough Forest [SH39336491] on iNaturalist, backed up by a photo good enough to confirm the species. The species occasionally disperses across North Wales.

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