

Dragonflies of Lancashire — 2nd Edition



Vagrant Emperor, Heysham
(Kevin Eaves)

Seven years ago, the Lancashire and Cheshire Fauna Society published “The Dragonflies of Lancashire & North Merseyside” and in the intervening period there has been a notable change in the Odonata fauna.

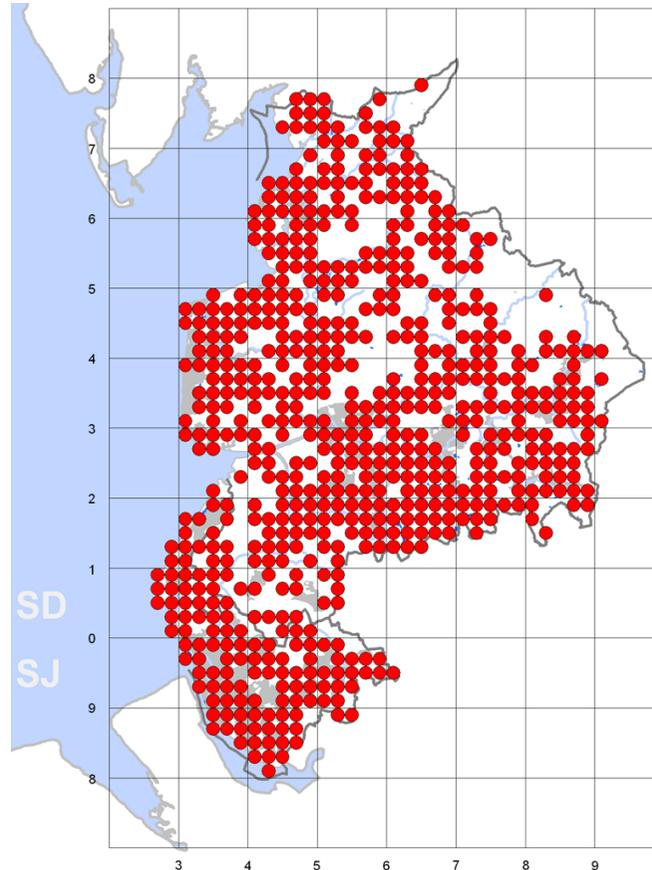
The recent AGM decided that we should update the book (that had sold out) after the 2021 recording season. There are many known changes, such as the appearance of Small Red-eyed Damselfly and Hairy Dragonfly of the spreading 'resident' species as well as records of long-distance migrants such as Vagrant Emperor and Southern Migrant Hawker.

What was also apparent from the first publication, however, was that there were quite a lot of gaps in the distribution maps for the commoner species. These are primarily in the whole of the Forest of Bowland and other upland areas in east Lancashire and in north Lancashire to the east of the M6. We are keen to fill as many gaps as possible so it would be useful to target any wetland sites that are rarely visited.

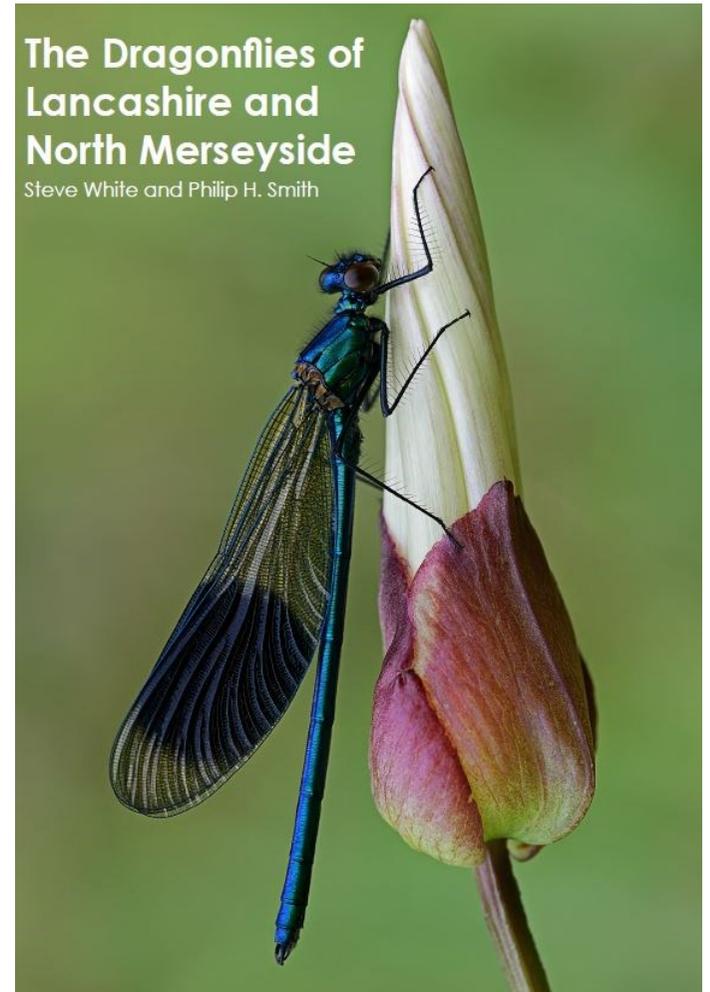
We need your help!

Firstly, please check your notebooks and photographic records for recent years for any dragonfly images where you can add a four-figure grid reference. It would be great if you are able to do this in the next few weeks before the 'outdoor season' is upon us!

Also, please make a note of any dragonflies you encounter during this current summer, again noting the four or six figure grid ref. It would be great if you could check



All tetrads with records to 2013



suitable upland riparian habitat for eg Golden Ringed Dragonfly but even a Common Darter record from an obscure pond could be a dot on the map!

Send records into Steve White, the county recorder, directly to stevewhite102@btinternet.com or enter them onto iRecord where Steve can verify them and get them onto the database.