

Wildlife Notes From Rosspanel Farm

Dragonflies (Odonata)

Small red damselfly (<i>Ceriagrion tenellum</i>)	Found in long grasses near pond edge, in large numbers
Azure damselfly (<i>Coenagrion puella</i>)	Flies low and slowly over waters edge
Common blue damsel (<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>)	Were present, rarely seen now
Large red damselfly (<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>)	Always the earliest to emerge in the spring
Blue-tailed damsel (<i>Ischnura elegans</i>)	All five colour forms in large numbers
Emerald damselfly (<i>Lestes sponsa</i>)	Never far from waters edge
Beautiful demioselle (<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>)	Flutters one meter above the stream
Southern hawker (<i>Aeshna cyanea</i>)	*Not sure if any of these three actually breed in
Common hawker (<i>Aeshna juncea</i>)	* in our pool, but they are present later in the
Migrant hawker (<i>Aeshna mixta</i>)	* year in small numbers around the farm
Emperor dragonfly (<i>Anax imperator</i>)	Territorial, we have about four pairs on pool
Golden-ringed dragonfly (<i>Cordulaster boltonii</i>)	Breeds in stream, flies up and down lanes
Black-tailed skimmer (<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>)	Breeds in small numbers
Keeled skimmer (<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>)	Has a very short season in flight
Broad-bodied chaser (<i>Libellula depressa</i>)	Earliest of the big dragonflies
Four-spotted chaser (<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>)	Breeds in large numbers
Common darter (<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>)	Common, can be seen up till November
Ruddy darter (<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>)	Uncommon migrant
Red-veined darter (<i>Sympetrum fonscolombei</i>)	Very rare vagrant
Vagrant Emperor (<i>Anax ephippiger</i>)	Caught one in moth trap

20 species