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Although it was much less windy, the lack of rain had resulted in very arid conditions and numbers of dragonflies were only a shadow of last year's. Nevertheless, Emerald Damselfly, 17 Small Red-eyed Damselflies and a Red-eyed Damselfly were on an almost dry pool on Worth on the 14th and the 17th brought an influx of Migrant Hawkers, including 12 on the Estate and 16 on New Downs. As the month wore on, the increasingly arid conditions were hardly conducive to the survival of this group of insects and apart from occasional but unspectacular increases in numbers of Migrant Hawkers and Common Darters there was little else to report.