

June 2009

22 Red-eyed Damselflies and four Four-spotted Chasers were present along the Delf Stream on the 1st, the first **Scarce Chaser** of the summer was seen on the North Stream on the 8th and a superb male **Red-veined Darter** was watched at close range on the Estate on the 11th, with at least 11 on Restharrow Scrape on the 14th. In addition to five Broad-bodied Chasers on the Estate, three more Red-veined Darters were found on Worth marshes on the 16th, amid generally very good numbers that included at least 400 Blue-tailed Damselflies, 150 or so Common Blue Damselflies, eight Emperors, five Four-spotted Chasers,



five Banded Demoiselles, six Scarce Chasers, 20 Black-tailed Skimmers and, best of all, only our second **LESSER EMPEROR**. Despite an increasingly boisterous wind, the first **Brown Hawker** of the year was in Waldershare Gully on the 18th and the first **Common Darter** of the year was seen in the Whitehouse on the 19th. The 22nd was notable for the presence along the North Stream of at least 18 Banded Demoiselles; the most ever recorded in the area (photograph on the left, by Ian Hodgson), and at least 17 Red-veined Darters were on Restharrow Scrape on the 25th, including several pairs in tandem, busily egg-laying on

the surface of the water. Nine Four-spotted Chasers were seen along the Delf Stream on the 26th and on the 29th two **Ruddy Darters** were in Waldershare Gully and an **Emerald Damselfly** and nine Scarce Chasers were seen along the North Stream.