

Sept 2009



Although the start of the month was dull and very dry, a Red-veined Darter was seen in the Oasis on the 2nd (photo on left by Ian Hodgson). Migrant Hawkers and Common Darters were in reasonable numbers at the start of the second week, which also featured a pair of Migrant Hawkers in tandem at a pond on the Estate, with the female ovipositing on a floating piece of reed; probably the first evidence of attempted breeding on the Estate. The same pond also held 2 Small Red-eyed Damselflies.

The remainder of the month progressed with Migrant Hawkers and Common Darters

being the most frequent species, as is usual for this time of year. However, several Southern Hawkers were encountered, with the latest on the 23rd, and there was a remarkable record of **Red-eyed Damselfly** on the 25th - this species is normally recorded no later than mid August.