

The rare Ghost Duskdarter dragonfly *Zyxomma petiolatum* on Desroches Island, Seychelles

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On each evening at dusk, between 11th and 21st April 2010, the rare Ghost Duskdarter *Zyxomma petiolatum* was hawking the northern shoreline of coralline Desroches Island, Amirantes, Seychelles. It also attempted to lay eggs in swimming pools. What is surprising is that this sandy island is virtually waterless, with only a small pool for tortoises. These dragonfly individuals may have come from the granitic Seychelles, where it has been recorded (Bowler 2006). However, its rarity there, and in Asia (Bedjanič *et al.* 2007), does not make it a normal candidate for migratory behaviour, suggesting that there is also a chance that it might be breeding in very small semi-permanent pools on Desroches Island.

The only other odonate recorded on Desroches at the same time, was the Voyaging glider, *Tramea limbata*, a well-known long-distance migrant.

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