

### New Odonata records from Seychelles 1998-2000

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During the period 1998-2000, a record was kept of all Odonata species observed on Aride Island. In addition, detailed notes were taken of all Odonata identified during visits to other granitic islands. Individual dragonflies and damselflies were identified by using the definitive key for Seychelles (Blackman & Pinhey 1967), in combination with notes recorded in Aride Island annual reports (RSNC unpubl.) by earlier wardens on the island. Help with the identification of species newly recorded for Aride during the period, was kindly given by Bill and Chris Wain.

Consultation of the distribution table in Blackman & Pinhey (1967) and more recent reports on the Odonata of particular islands (e.g. Wain & Wain 1998, Wain *et al.* 1999), revealed that a number of observations represented new records for the islands concerned. These included all records from the islands of Aride and Grande Soeur, neither of which featured in the review by Blackman & Pinhey (1967), together with additional records from Praslin, La Digue and Curieuse. The records from Aride were included in the full species list for the island (see Bowler *et al.* 2000), but are included here for completeness.

Notes on the observations of new species for each island are recorded below. Nomenclature is modified from Wain & Wain (1998).

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Island	Species	Notes
Aride island	Common pond damsel <i>Ceragrion glabrum</i>	breeding confirmed, seasonally common
	Marsh bluetail <i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>	recorded Nov. 1997 only by Wain & Wain
	Pygmy whisp <i>Agricnemis pygmaea</i>	recorded 1995-96 only, by Clive Read
	Sky-blue percher <i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>	egg-laying observed, seasonally common
	Black percher <i>Diplacodes lefebvrei</i>	rare annual visitor
	Striped skimmer <i>Orthetrum stemmale wrightii</i>	egg-laying observed, seasonally common
	Ghost duskdarter <i>Zygomma petiolata</i>	egg-laying observed, small numbers all year
	Globe skimmer <i>Pantala flavescens</i>	egg-laying observed, small numbers all year
	Amberwing emperor <i>Anax guttatus</i>	egg-laying observed, absent during dry spells
	Vagrant emperor <i>Anax ephippiger</i>	regular migrant Dec.-Apr.
	Voyaging glider <i>Tramea continentalis</i>	egg-laying observed, seasonally common
Phantom flutterer <i>Rhyothemis semihyalina</i>	regular migrant May-Dec.	
Twister <i>Tholymis tillarga</i>	egg-laying observed, absent during dry spells	
Grande Soeur (May 1999)	Common pond damsel <i>Ceragrion glabrum</i>	pairs in tandem around main marsh
	Sky-blue percher <i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>	several around main marsh
	Striped skimmer <i>Orthetrum stemmale wrightii</i>	several on plateau
	Globe skimmer <i>Pantala flavescens</i>	several over plateau
Praslin	Sky-blue percher <i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>	commonly seen roadside channels, Grand Anse
	Amberwing emperor <i>Anax guttatus</i>	several at Lemuria resort May 2000
	Phantom flutterer <i>Rhyothemis semihyalina</i>	regular sightings roadside channels, Grand Anse
La Digue	Marsh bluetail <i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>	several seen Grand Anse May 1998 and Petit Anse Oct. 2000
	Sky-blue percher <i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>	commonly seen around many wetlands
	Amberwing emperor <i>Anax guttatus</i>	single males at Grand Anse and near Source D'Argent May 1998
	Voyaging glider <i>Tramea continentalis</i>	several at west plateau & Grand Anse wetlands
	Brunette chaser <i>Rhyothemis semihyalina</i>	common Grand Anse and Petit Anse May 1998
Curieuse (Doctor's House - Tortoise pens, January 2000)	Common pond damsel <i>Ceragrion glabrum</i>	several seen
	Sky-blue percher <i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>	common
	Striped skimmer <i>Orthetrum stemmale wrightii</i>	common
	Globe skimmer <i>Pantala flavescens</i>	small numbers seen
	Voyaging glider <i>Tramea continentalis</i>	small numbers seen
	Phantom flutterer <i>Rhyothemis semihyalina</i>	small numbers seen