

Dragonflies in Cumbria 2024

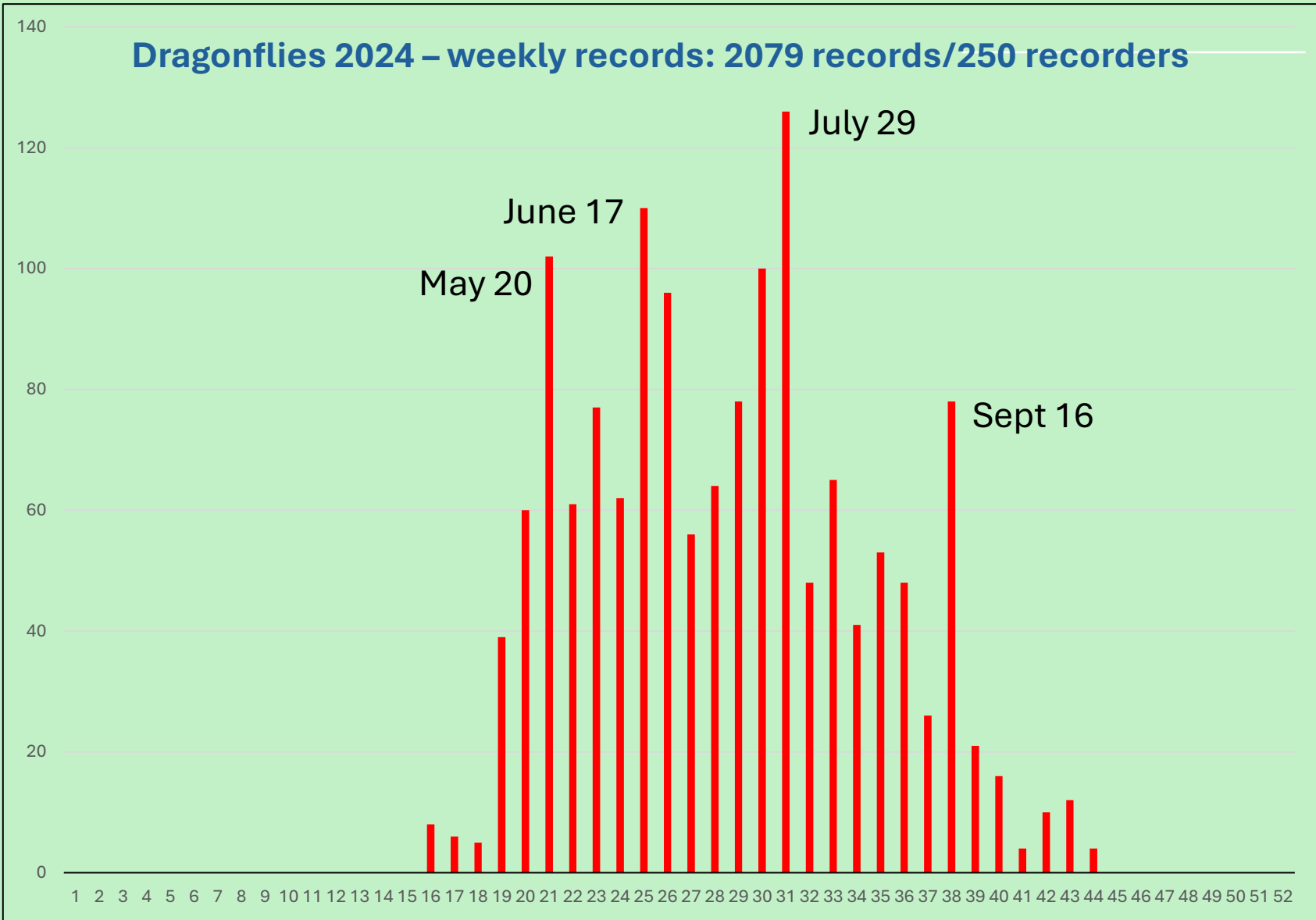


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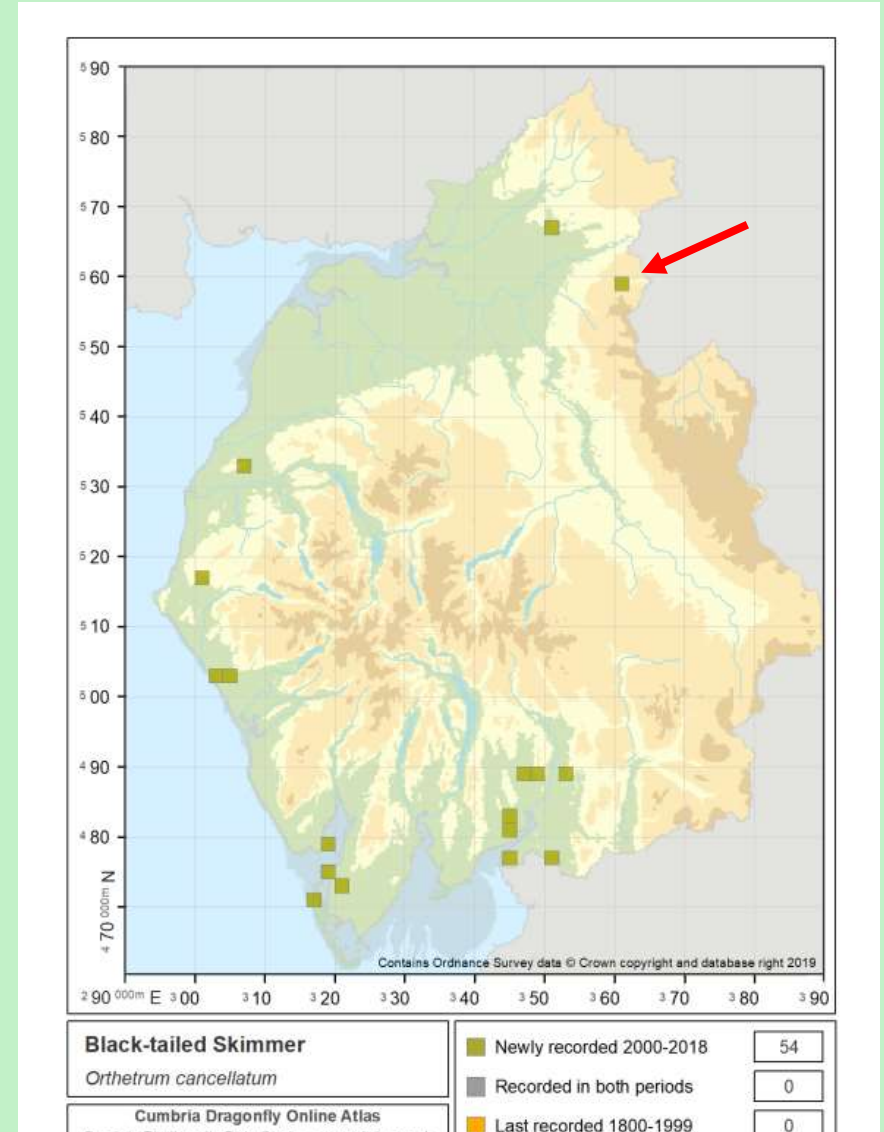
County Dragonfly Recorder

CBDC Conference, 22 February 2025

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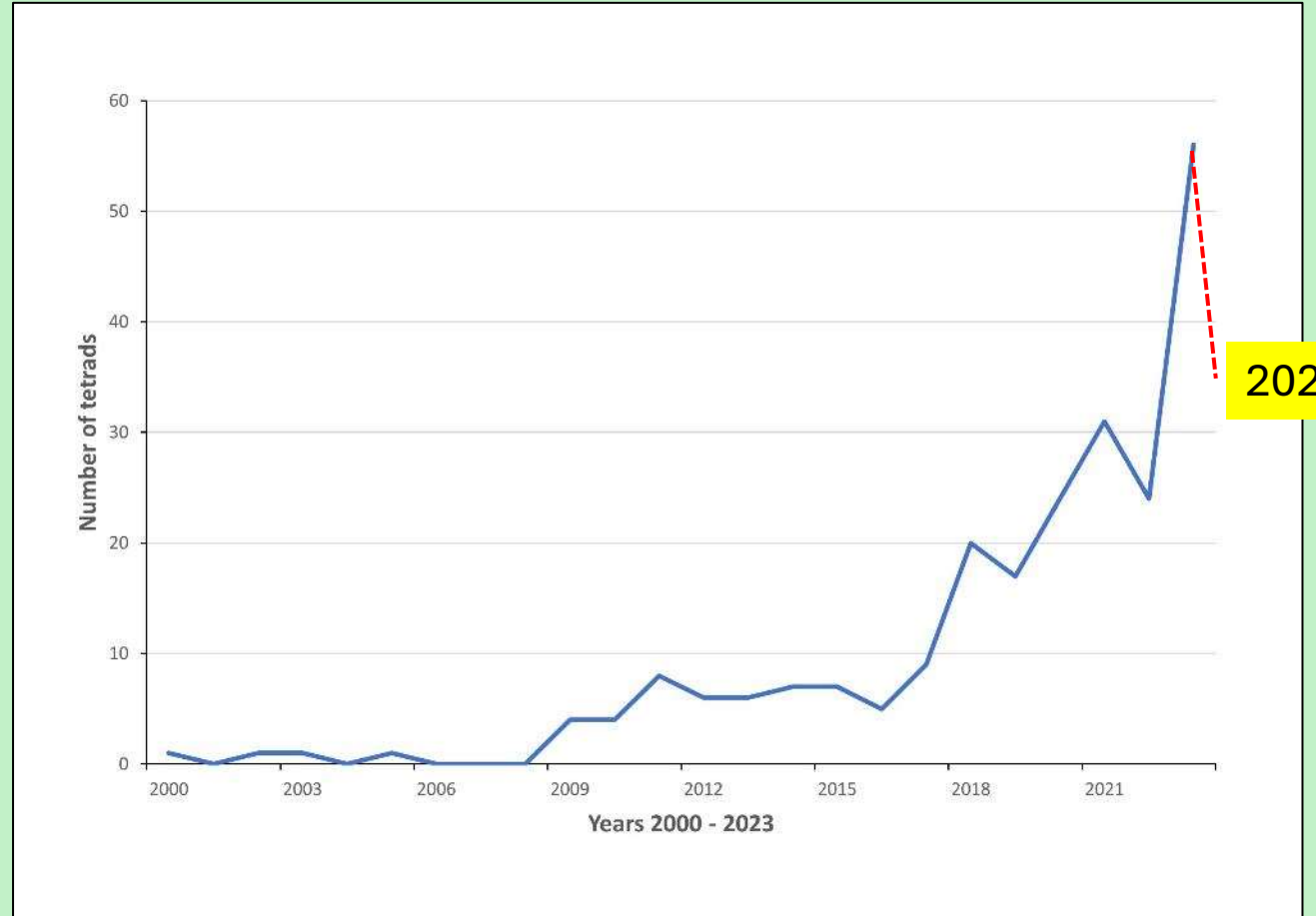


2024 records well down (c. 25 %) on 2023: erratic flow reflects unstable weather throughout year

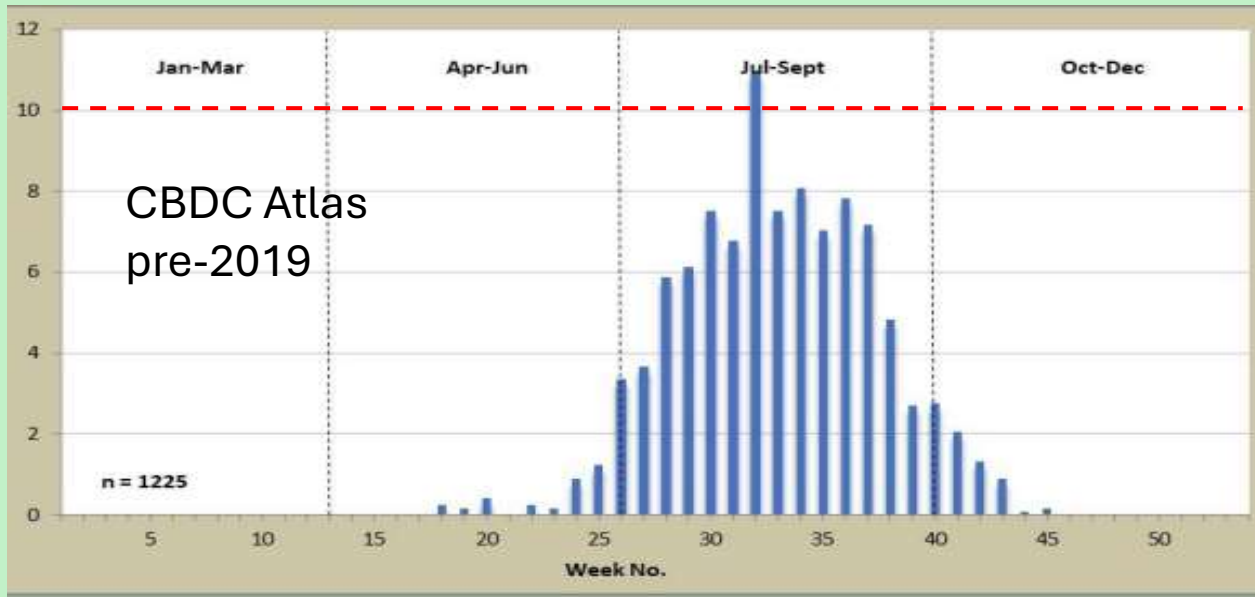


Black-tailed Skimmer at Tindale Tarn in late July – possible ‘migrant’ from the east?

Broad-bodied Chaser (c. 35 tetrads in 2024)

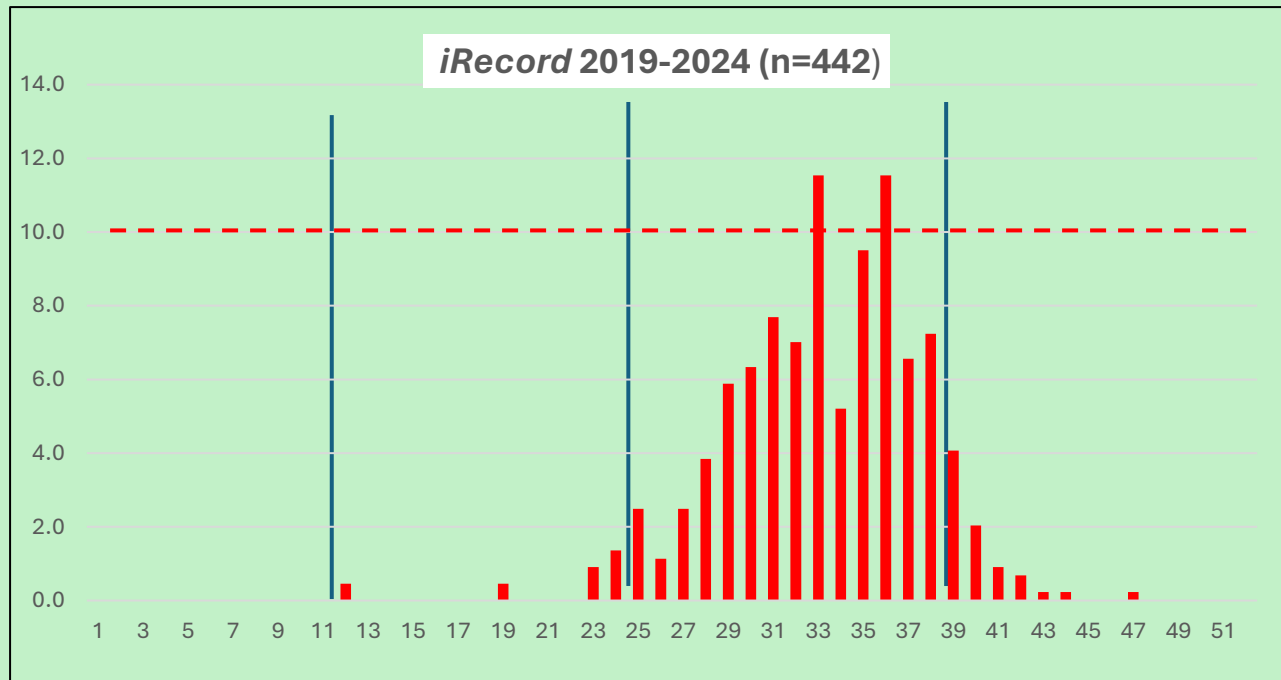


Broad-bodied Chaser recorded tetrads in 2024 about 40% down compared to 2023



Is phenology changing in response to a warming climate?

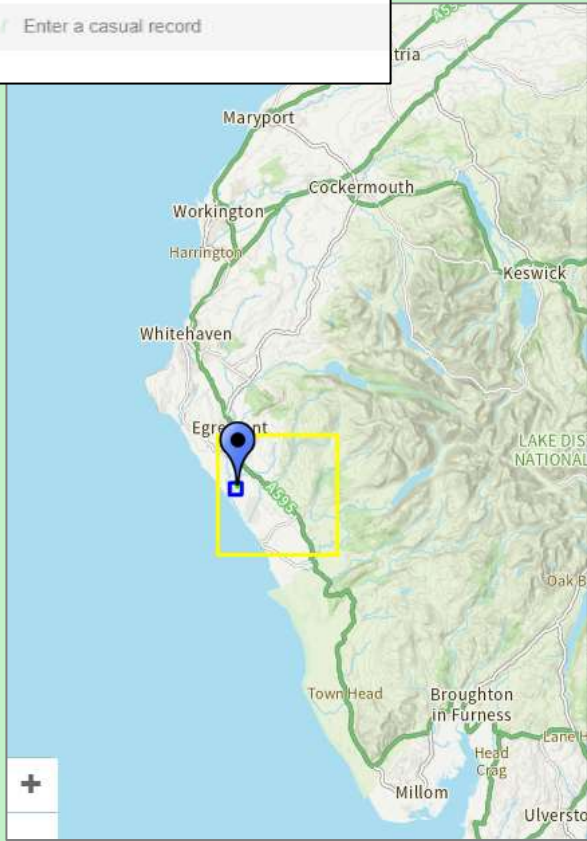
Common Hawker may be completing emergence earlier?



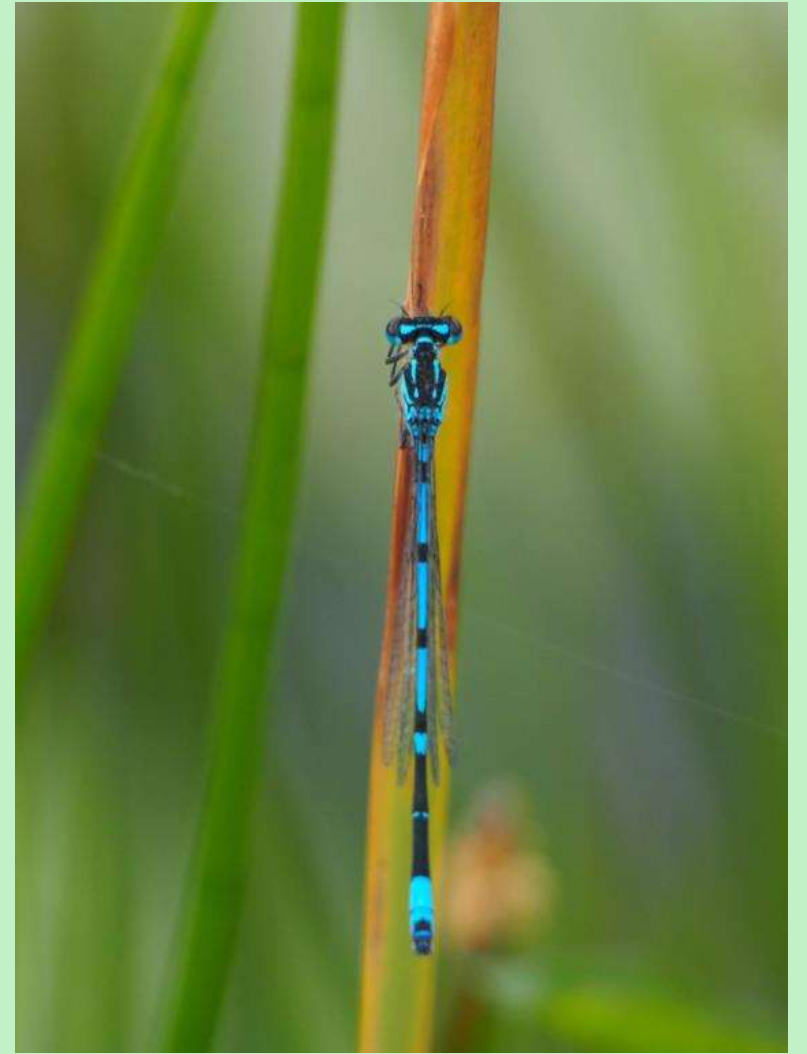
22 September 2024. I & E Burnell



Altitude-tolerant Common Hawker ovipositing at 2400 ft on Sergeant Man



10 June 2024.
Chris Arthur



Variable Damselfly still present at Low Church Moss, Beckermot (Chris Arthur)



12 May 2024. Caroline Allen

Downy Emerald found for third year at Keswick



12 May 2024. *Mo Richards*

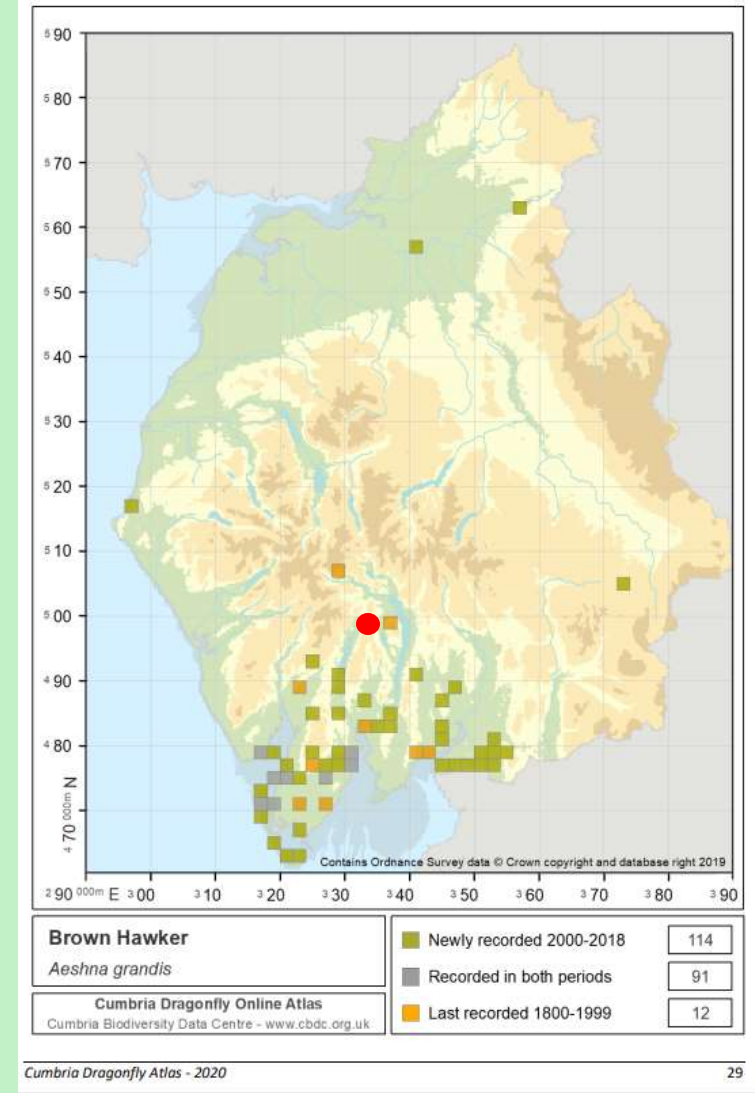


15 May 2024. *Mo Richards*

Good breeding evidence of Downy Emerald at Yewtree Tarn, Coniston



19 September 2024.
Mo Richards



Furthest north inland breeding Brown Hawker - Tarn Hows, Coniston

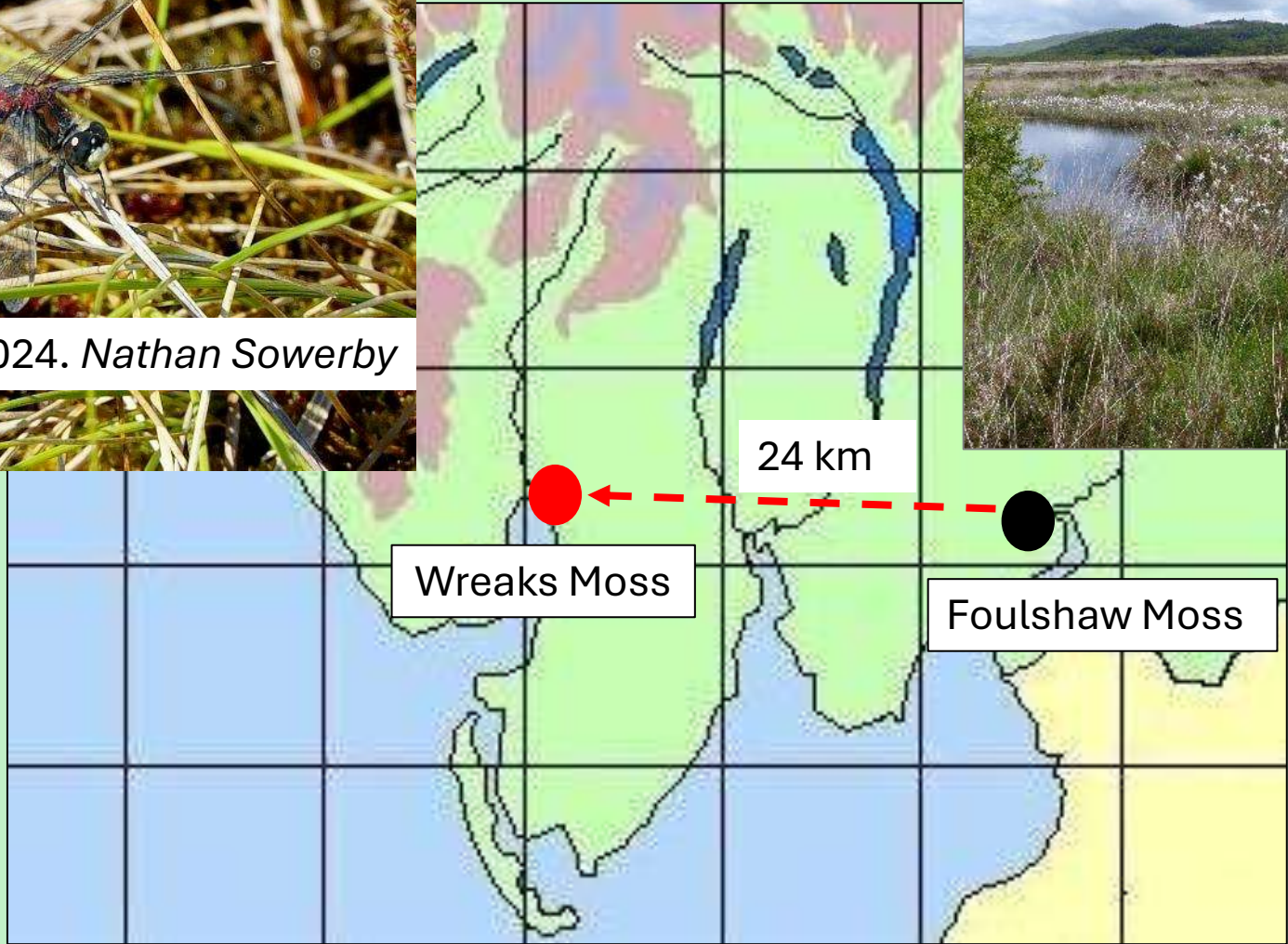


Pool 4: Drumburgh Moss

White-faced Darter introduction continued to do well at Drumburgh Moss



Wreaks Moss, 16 June 2024. *Nathan Sowerby*

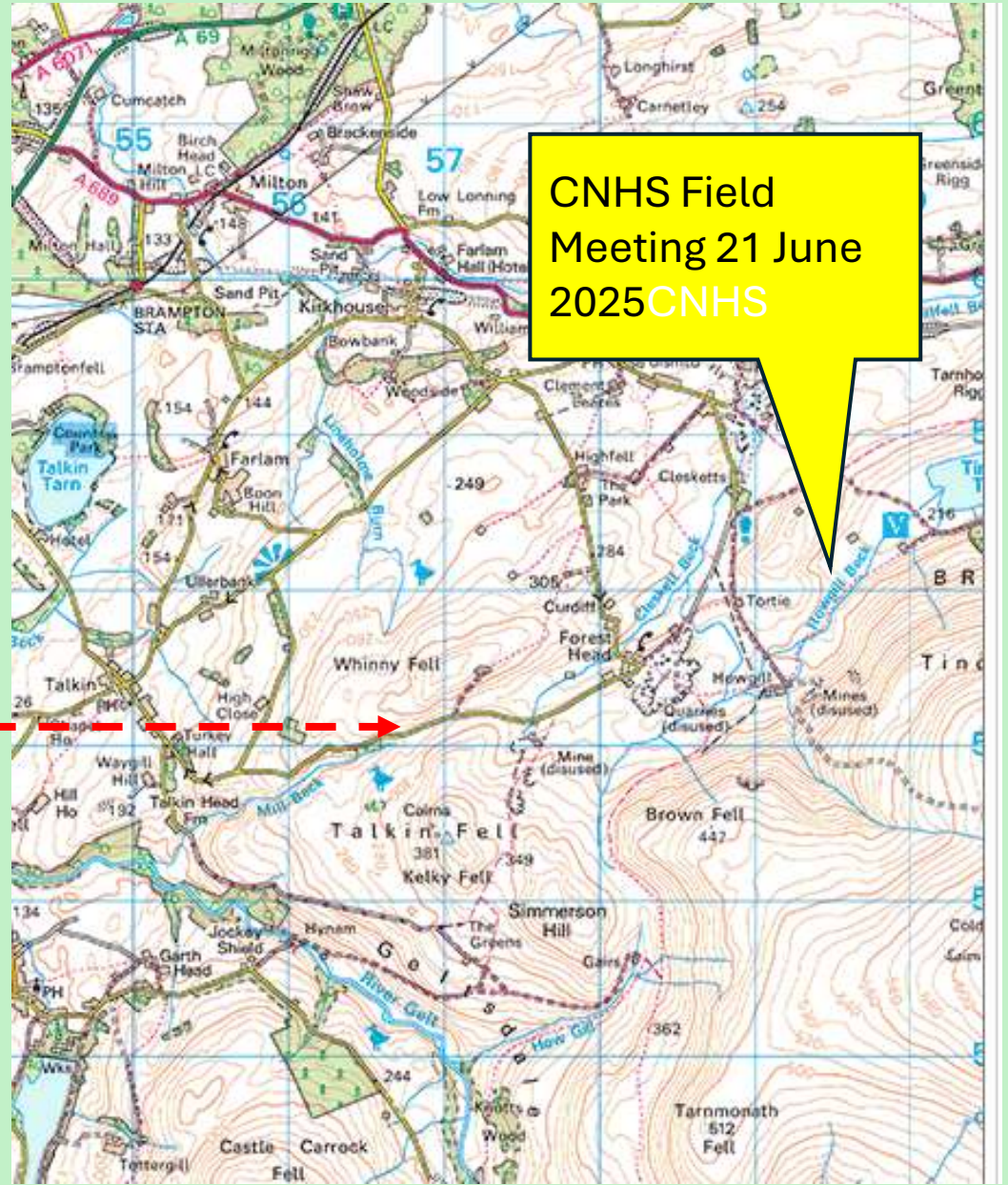


White-faced Darter at Duddon Mosses for second year running!

New scrapes below Whinny Fell (near Talkin)



old female Broad-bodied Chaser egg-laying on 8 July



Rickerby Park, Carlisle , 18 May 2024.
Martin Keiller



Banded Demoiselle – still expanding
its Cumbria range

Rickerby Park, Carlisle , 25 May 2024.
Martin Keiller



Azure Damselflies mating – abundant
where recorded

Rickerby Park, Carlisle, 29 May 2024.
Martin Keiller.



Male Broad-bodied Chaser – recently emerged. INSET: mature male



Rickerby Park, Carlisle,
31 August 2024. *Martin Keiller*

Migrant Hawker – becoming more
frequent in north Cumbria



Stanwix, Carlisle, 18 August 2024.

Martin Keiller



Southern Hawker (female) –
increasingly common at garden ponds