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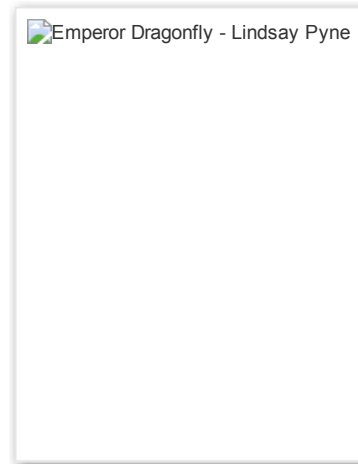
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Emperor Dragonfly

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Emperor Dragonfly - Lindsay Pyne



Latin name: *Anax imperator*

The Emperor is a very large and impressive dragonfly, easily recognisable by its size and bright colours. It rarely settles, flying high up looking for insect-prey such as butterflies and chaser dragonflies, and often eats on the wing. It is widespread in southern England and making its way northwards. First recorded in Alderney in 1981 by Marie Mendham, this striking 'hawker' is now a common and familiar insect around the island, breeding in reservoirs and ponds, but also in small garden pools. The adults are best observed from the [bird hide at Mannez](#), where the males (blue) and females (green) patrol the open water.

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