THREE NOTABLE RECORDS OF ODONATA FROM NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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Abstract: The author reports the capture of three species of Odonata for the New England states, *Aeshna juncea* L., *Williamsonia fletcheri* Will., and *Coenagrion interrogatum* Hagen. These records are of interest to the odonatologists of this region.


*Aeshna juncea* L. is one of several species of Odonata for which there are no records for New England in this century (White and Morse, 1973). On August 25, 1973, while on a collecting trip with Paul Miliotis and Chris Leahy to Nancy and Norcross Ponds, Grafton Co., New Hampshire (elev. 915 m), I collected a single male of this species. Other species of *Aeshna* were common and a large number were collected and released in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain more specimens.

*Williamsonia fletcheri* Will. inhabits black spruce bogs and emerges in the early spring. I collected a male on July 8, 1975 along the footpath overlooking Lower Church Pond, Passaconaway, Grafton Co., New Hampshire (elev. 390 m). The presence of *W. fletcheri* in New Hampshire had been suspected (White and Morse, 1973); however, the extremely late date was quite unexpected. In Canada, emergence occurs before May 19 and the latest record is July 1st (Walker and Corbet, 1975).

*Coenagrion interrogatum* Hagen. Despite the paucity of published records on the Odonata of Vermont, several odonatologists have collected in the state and there are a number of new state records which should be reported. On a collecting trip with Paul Miliotis to the Dennis Pond area of Essex County (elev. 310 m), we collected or observed 34 species of Odonata. A number of these have not been reported for Vermont. The most notable capture was a male of *Coenagrion interrogatum* Hagen. This species is known previously in New England from a pair collected in Maine (Borror, 1951).

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