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NEW DRAGONFLY RECORDS FROM INDIA AND THE DEHRA DUN VALLEY (NORTHERN INDIA)

FROM a large collection of Odonata, made during the period 1974-78, nine new records were found for the fauna of the Dehra Dun valley. The valley is unique in its fauna and flora many of which are characteristically endemic and scientifically interesting. New records of dragonflies have been

earlier brought-out by Fraser,¹⁻³ Kumar⁴ and Tyagi⁵ bringing their number to a total of nearly sixty species and subspecies in the valley. In the present note nine dragonflies are included, referable to 111 genera and seven families of two suborders, Zygoptera and Anisoptera. These are *Calicnemia* cf. sp., *Ischnura aurora aurora* Brauer, *Onychogomphus* Selys, *Caconeura autumnalis* (Fraser), *Drepanosticta schmidti* Fraser, *Gynacantha byakina* Selys, *Tetrathemis irregularis* Brauer subsp., *Zygonyx torrida* (Kirby) subsp. and *Crocothemis servilia* Drury subspecies. Of these the last three are also the new records for the dragonfly fauna of India.

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