

ODONATA IN AND AROUND MURCHISON FALLS NATIONAL PARK, UGANDA

On 21 to 25 January 2001, my wife and I collected and photographed Odonata in and around Murchison Falls. The list of what we found is below. The weather was hot and dry, and, aside from the Nile River and Lake Albert, there were few aquatic habitats. Only the small Sambiya R. in the Park was flowing very slightly. A wet-season river at the Rabongo Forest was reduced to a series of muddy pools.

The placement of F.C. FRASER's (1928, *Trans. ent. Soc. Lond.* 70: 123-138) *Copera subaequistyla* (= *sikassoensis* [Martin]) in *Platycnemis* is mysterious. I can find few differences between this species and the SE Asian *Copera vittata* (Sel.), and I regard Fraser's generic placement as correct.

Species list:

Calopterygidae

– *Phaon iridipennis* (Burm.)

Chlorocyphidae

– *Chlorocypha curta* (Hag.)

– *Platycypha caligata* (Sel.)

Lestidae

– *Lestes plagiatus* (Burm.)

Protoneuridae

– *Elatoneura nigra* Kimmins

Platycnemididae

– *Copera* cf. *sikassoensis* (Martin)

– *Mesocnemis singularis* Karsch

Coenagrionidae

– *Aciagrion* cf. *africanum* Martin (smaller and paler than a Zambia specimen in my collection; the

terminalia are somewhat different, but I do not know the extent of variation within this species)

- *Agriocnemis* sp.; ♀ only
- *Ceriagrion glabrum* (Burm.)
- *C. kordofanicum* Ris
- *C. suave* Ris
- *Pseudagrion glaucescens* Sel.
- *P. hageni* Karsch
- *P. hamoni* Fraser
- *P. kersteni* (Gerst.)
- *P. melanicterum* Sel.
- *P. nubicum* Sel.
- *P. salisburyense* Ris
- *P. sjoestedti* Förster
- *P. sublacteum* (Karsch)
- *P. torridum* Sel.

Aeshnidae

- *Anax imperator* Leach; seen
- *A. speratus* Hag.
- *Gynacantha bullata* Karsch
- *G. ochraceipes* (Pinhey); ♀ ♀ only

Libellulidae

- *Aethriamanta rezia* Kirby
- *Brachythemis lacustris* (Kirby)
- *B. leucosticta* (Burm.)
- *Crocothemis erythraea* (Brullé)
- *Diplacodes lefebvrei* (Ramb.)
- *Hemistigma albipunctata* (Ramb.)
- *Orthetrum brachiale* (P. de Beauv.)
- *O. julia* Kirby
- *Palpopleura lucia* (Dru.)
- *Tetrathemis polleni* (Sel.)
- *Tritthemis annulata* (P. de Beauv.)
- *T. arteriosa* (Burm.)
- *T. dichroa* Karsch
- *T. grouti atra* Pinhey
- *T. pruinata* Karsch
- *Urothemis assignata* (Sel.)

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