



Dragonflies of North Bohemia

Quest For Whitefaces

Green Snaketail
(*Ophiogomphus cecilia*)



Yellow-spotted Emerald
(*Somatochlora flavomaculata*)



NORTH BOHEMIA

nestled right in the middle of Europe North Bohemia (formerly also part of Sudeten) is an easy to reach region with many different water habitats. Gravel pits, mountain and lowland peatbogs and mires, ponds, springs, streams, rivers, reservoirs, canals and flooded mines and quarries all add to a great variety of dragonflies.

Lužické hory are low hills with beautiful traditional villages and clean forest streams. Doupovské hory are a picturesque hilly and warm area with small lakes. Českolipsko region has many small peatbogs, lakes and large ponds in a gently modelled landscape with sandstone rocks, a heaven for Whitefaces and also our base throughout the tour. Frýdlantsko lies at border to Poland and besides a mountain stream and a large pond there is an interesting flooded basalt quarry that gives shelter to many dragonflies.

Right: *Aeshna affinis*



By visiting the region in a transitional period between spring and summer we will hope to catch many early flying species. It is an easy going holiday and we will much rely upon local expertise of Martin Waldhauser who lives in the region. We will drive out every day to a different area but will stay through in one hotel in return. Many species will be seen several times and therefore photographers should invariably meet great opportunities to shoot the key species. Landscapes will change from day to day and we will not avoid lectures on history of this interesting area and the whole country. There is a nice blend of a few warmth loving and several northern species on the tour. The specialties include four (possibly all five) species of Whiteface, Siberian Winter Damsel, Bluets (Spearhead, Ornate and Crescent), Northern and Yellow-spotted Emerald, Green Snaketail, hopefully Spotted Darter and couple of others. We hope everyone can enjoy this holiday.

Crescent Bluet (*Coenagrion lunulatum*)



Small lake in *Doupovské hory*



bog and lake near Doksy



*Common Clubtail
(Gomphus vulgatissimus)*



FACT FILE

Czech Republic

7 days | 1 hotel (1 day extension available)

dates: **19 - 25 June 2013**

ground price: £700 / €850
single room supplement: £70 / €85

guide: Martin Waldhauser

airport: Prague, Czech Republic

group size: 6-16

number of species: 35 - 45

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1 Arrival at Prague

Day 2 Doupovské hory

Day 3 Českolipsko region

Day 4 Frýdlant region

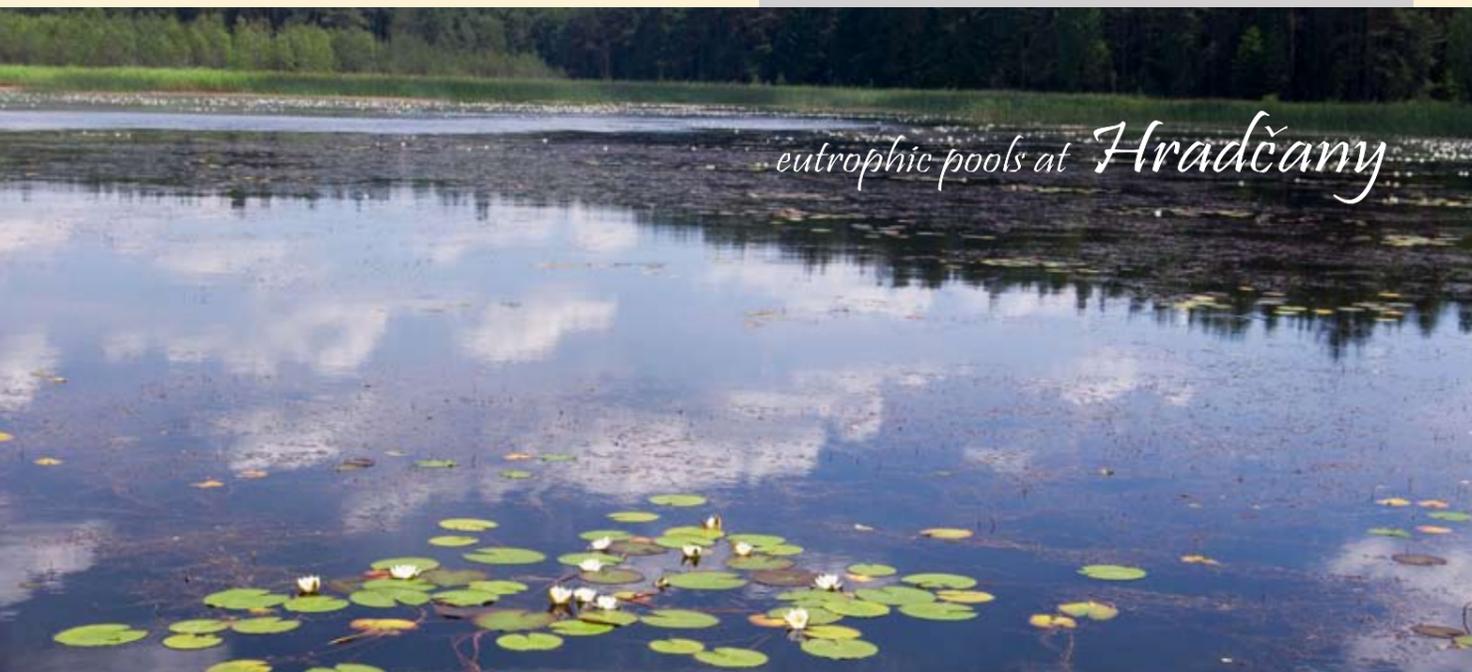
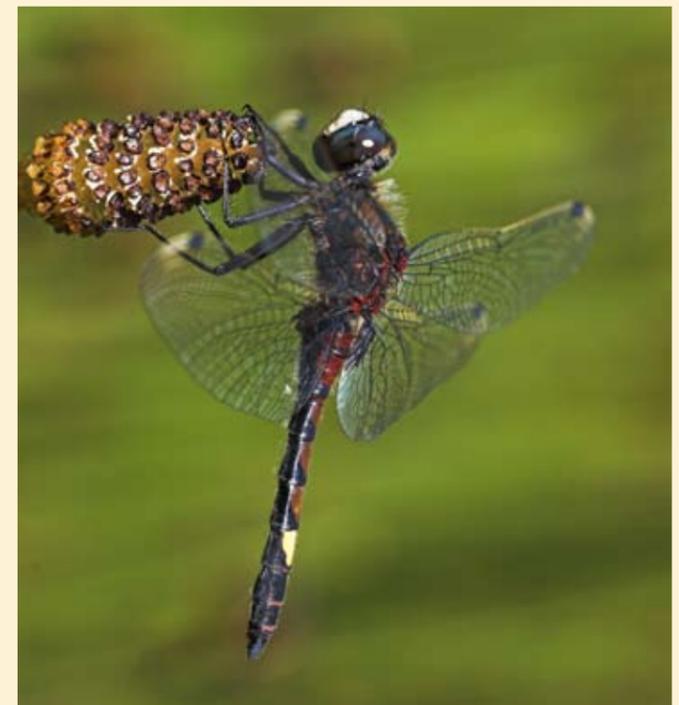
Day 5 Lužické hory

Day 6 Českolipsko region

Day 7 Departure from Prague

Left: Blue-eyed Hawker (Aeshna affinis)

Right: Yellow-spotted Whiteface (Leucorrhinia pectoralis)



eutrophic pools at Hradčany



*Common and Sombre Goldenring
are found in one stream*

Dark Whiteface

(*Leucorrhinia albifrons*)



Northern Emerald

(*Somatochlora arctica*)



HIGHLIGHTS

Small, Ruby and Yellow-spotted Whiteface (*Leucorrhinia dubia*, *rubicunda* and *pectoralis*)
Dark Whiteface (*Leucorrhinia albifrons*)
Spearhead, Crescent and Ornate Bluert (*Coenagrion hastulatum*, *lunulatum* and *ornatum*)
Blue-eye (*Erythromma lindenii*)
Siberian Winter Damsel (*Sympecma paedisca*)
Blue-eyed Hawker (*Aeshna affinis*)
Green-eyed Hawker (*Anaciaeschna isosceles*)
Northern Emerald (*Somatochlora arctica*)
Yellow-spotted Emerald (*Somatochl. flavomaculata*)
Green Snaketail (*Ophiogomphus cecilia*)
Common Clubtail (*Gomphus vulgatissimus*)
Sombre Goldenring (*Cordulegaster bidentata*)
Keeled and Southern Skimmer (*Ortethrum coerulescens* and *brunneum*)
Spotted Darter (*Sympetrum depressiusculum*)
Banded Darter (*Sympetrum pedemontanum*)

GUIDES AND HOTELS

Martin Waldhauser

Your guide Martin Waldhauser is a Czech dragonfly expert. He is one of the authors of „The Dragonflies of the Czech Republic“, probably the biggest dragonfly book ever published. Martin is in his forties and you cannot wish a better companion and dragonfly enthusiast to guide you through the north Bohemia. He will give lectures in field and one or two slide shows before dinner. Martin works at Landscape Protected Area Luzické hory and is a renowned dragonfly photographer.

Hotel in Českolipsko region

A modern hotel with all en suite facilities. It is found at large Machovo jezero lake. One day extension to this tour are available to see high-lying moors with Alpine Emerald (*Som. arctica*).

Left: Stream at Frýdlant | Right: Hairy Hawker (*Brachytron pratense*)



Siberian Winter Damsel

(*Sympecma paedisca*)



Basalt quarry in Frýdlant region



Ruby Whiteface

(*Leucorrhinia rubicunda*)



All images were kindly provided by Martin Waldhauser and shot in areas visited on this tour.

Right: Green-eyed Hawker (*Aeshna isosceles*)
Front cover: Ornate Bluet (*Coenagrion ornatum*)

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stream in *Lužické hory*

