

***CROCOTHEMIS ERYTHRAEA* (BRULLÉ)
RECORDED FROM CANTON ST. GAL-
LEN, SWITZERLAND (ANISOPTERA: LI-
BELLULIDAE)**

An adult, perfect, but most likely not autochthonous male was collected on August 30, 1984 at a gravel pit West of the village of Schänis, alt. 415 m. This is the first record of this species from canton St. Gallen. F. RIS (1890, *Mitt. schweiz. ent. Ges.* 8: 194-207) reported the sighting of a specimen of this species (July 30, 1889) at Katzensee in canton Zürich, to which record probably also refers the map of C. MEIER (1984, *Libellen-Inventar der Kantone Zürich und Schaffhausen*, Zürcher Libellenforum, Werrikon), indicated as a "record prior to 1950", without locality data, deposition statement or bibliographic reference. Consequently, we assume that the present specimen is likely to represent the first documented Swiss record outside western Switzerland and Tessin.

Among close to 20 species collected at this

locality during August 29-30, 1984, a strong population of *Erythromma viridulum* (Charp.) is of particular interest.

It is worth noting that the weather between August 15 and September 4, 1984 was unusually warm throughout this part of Europe, the prevailing midday temperatures in the lower parts of St Gallen had the values of 26-27° C, with the 0° C line in the Swiss Alps varying between the altitudes of 3600 and 4000 m.

A detailed account of the odonate fauna of this locality is scheduled to appear in the framework of the St Gallen odonate inventory elsewhere (B. KIAUTA & M. KIAUTA, 1985, *Opusc. zool. flumin.*).

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