

*AESHNA CAERULEA* (STRÖM), A NEW DRAGONFLY FOR THE FAUNA OF SLOVENIA (ANISOPTERA: AESHNIDAE).

August 13, 1992, while traversing by car the Jelovica Plateau (Upper Carniola, NW Slovenia) from Škofja Loka to Bohinj, we came across *A. caerulea* at a small pond along the road, some way SE of the Rovtarica alp (alt. ca 1100 m). The (non-boggy) pond was frequented by a few incidental *A. cyanea* (Müll.) and *A. grandis* (L.), but it seemed too small to provide a suitable breeding habitat for these species. While collecting voucher specimens, a *caerulea* male suddenly flew in from somewhere, and it landed on one of us in the manner characteristic of this species.

This is the first record for both Slovenia and the Julian Alps. The nearest known locality is probably Flattnitz, N of the Karawanken Mts, in Carinthia, Austria (cf. R. PUSCHNIG, 1930, *Carinthia* (II) 119/120: 62-65). Along with the records from Trentino and Lombardy in Italy (for references cf. G. CARCHINI et al., 1985, *Fragm. entomol.* 18: 91-103), the Jelovica Plateau represents the southern border of the hitherto known *caerulea* Alpine range.

The species breeds in acid waters. Save for the populations at higher elevations, in the Alps it is associated with *Sphagnum* bogs and similar habitats. There are some of these on the Jelovica Plateau, and many more and larger ones on the nearby Pokljuka Plateau, where the occurrence of *caerulea* is certainly also very likely.

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