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2011/12 Project Ant Diversity

We are delighted to announce that the 2011-12 grant has been awarded to **Christopher Tranter**, from the University of Leeds to conduct fieldwork in Panama on ant diversity.

Did you know Barro Colorado Island is home to over 200 species of ants compared to just 50 in the UK?

Social insects are of tremendous ecological and economic importance. There is considerable scientific interest in how they cope with threats from disease, and this knowledge can inform our management of pest and beneficial species.



Cards for Sale

Gecko cards, Mouse cards and Butterfly cards can be ordered on [The Alice McCosh Trust website](#), with Happy Christmas printed on the inside, or as a blank card for your own message.

2010/11 Report The Norfolk Hawker

The Norfolk Hawker (*Aeshna isosceles*) is such a rare dragonfly in the United Kingdom that it is protected by law. This species of dragonfly is only found in the Norfolk Broads and a small area of Suffolk.



Following the preliminary investigation and the field work it was concluded that an increase in salinity will result in the exclusion of the Norfolk Hawker dragonfly from a location. It is hoped the knowledge developed during the course of this project will be used to improve wetland habitat management for the Norfolk Hawker dragonfly and other freshwater animals. The full report by **Alex Pickwell** can be found on [The Alice McCosh Trust](#) website.