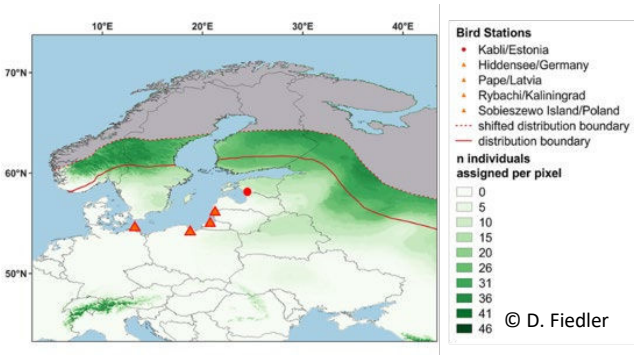
Dragons in the sky – Dragonfly migration in northern Europe

Our knowledge of insect migration is extremely limited, and almost completely lacking for European species. We thus aim to shed light on the temporal and spatial patterns as well as the consequences and drivers of insect migration in northern Europe using dragonflies as a study system.


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- ✓ **You are excited about insects?**
- ✓ **You like to work in the field and in the lab?**
- ✓ **You enjoy getting to know foreign countries and cultures?**
- ✓ **You hold a Master in Geoecology, Biology, Environmental Sciences?**

Apply for the open PhD position (see next page)

The working groups of Geoecology and Comparative Zoology, University of Tübingen, are seeking to fill the position of a

PhD student (f/m/d)

Research Field: **Dragonfly migration in northern Europe**

Duration: **3 years**

Payment according to **TV-L 13** (https://oeffentlicher-dienst.info/tv-l/allg/) 65%

Starting date: 01.03.2027

Application submission deadline: **22.11.2026**

Project: The successful applicant will study temporal and spatial patterns as well as the consequences and drivers of dragonfly migration in northern Europe. The joint project (University of Tübingen, TU Braunschweig) comprises field trips to the Baltic Coast and lab work (stable isotope and genetic analyses) in Germany with the aim to gain a doctoral degree in Geoecology/Biology.

Your profile: We are looking for a dynamic, serious, and motivated researcher with a Master's degree in Geoecology, Biology, Environmental Sciences, Physical Geography, Landscape Ecology or a related discipline. The successful candidate should have a keen interest in movement ecology and ideally have experience with stable isotopes and/or population genetics. Good quantitative skills, a meticulous work attitude in the lab, scientific curiosity, and enthusiasm for research are essential. In addition, the candidate should have good communication skills to work in a highly collaborative and international environment, as well as a very good command of written and spoken English. Knowledge of German is appreciated but is not a requirement.

Our offer: We are two international research groups in Tübingen, a dynamic, and lively university town (www.uni-tuebingen.de) and one of the 15 German Excellence Universities. Our institutes are located in the city centre (Institute of Geography) and at the Morgenstelle (Institute for Ecology and Evolution), and both can be easily reached with public transport or bike. The successful candidate will join the EVEREST research school. To this end, we promote the scientific independence of the candidate, support the scientific qualification and career planning, and offer networking opportunities within and beyond Tübingen.

Interested? Applicants should send a letter of motivation, a complete curriculum vitae, copies of qualifications as well as names of two references via email to yvonne.oelmann@uni-tuebingen.de. The documents must be submitted as a single pdf. Please contact Prof. Yvonne Oelmann or Dr. Henri Thomassen if you have any questions.

It is the policy of the University of Tübingen to increase the percentage of female employees. If equally qualified, preference will be given to female applicants. Individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply and, having the same occupational aptitude, will be preferred. International candidates are highly encouraged to apply but a willingness to acquire some level of German language skills is recommended to interact with non-scientific staff and facilitate your integration into Tübingen.