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Book:

ASKEW R.R. (2004) *The Dragonflies of Europe* (revised edition). Harley Books, Colchester, UK, 308 pp. Chapter in a publication:

ANDERSSON H. (1997) *Diptera Ptychopteridae, Phantom Crane Flies*. In: NILSSON A.N. (ed.): *Aquatic Insects of North Europe*. Apollo Books, Stenstrup, Denmark.

Article in www:

RADCHENKO A. (2007) *Fauna Europea: Formicidae*. In: NOYES J. (ed.): *Fauna Europea: Hymenoptera: Apocrita*. Fauna Europea version 1.3, <http://www.faunaeur.org>, accessed on 22.11.2009.

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