

***Phanogomphus lividus* (Selys)**

Ashy Clubtail

20 Apr - 13 Jul

Common - S5

46-56 mm (1.8-2.2 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: gray. Face: light. Thorax: brown w/ cream stripes on either side of ventral brown stripe split posteriorly. Abdomen: brown, middorsal cream pattern wider at anterior end of each seg until seg 8, where reduced to dots. Wings: clear except for tiny brown basal spots. Stigmas: tan/brown rhomboids twice as long as wide. Legs: light brown, tarsi black. Appendages: blackish. Flight: exaggerated slow roller coaster flight 1.5-6' above ground.

FEMALE: Similar to Male but has no distinct club.

Habitat: Slow rivers, streams w/ mud bottom/in open areas; often lands on ground. Hunts near ground level in forest clearings and fields. Unwary, roller-coaster flight. Reproduction: Male makes short unhurried patrols. Female oviposits by dipping to surface near shore. Larvae in muddy or sandy bottom. Exuviae on edge of rocky, muddy, or marshy stream.

Similar Species: *G. excilis* (Lancet C.) is smaller.

Locations: Browns Bridge, Daniels, David Force, Font Hill, Gateway – JM, Kindler - D, Marriottsville, Mission, MPEA, Old Frederick, Pigtail, Savage - LPR, Vollmerhausen, Woodstock.

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