

***Sympetrum vicinum* (Hagen)**

Autumn Meadowhawk

5 Jun - 8 Dec

Abundant

26-35 mm (1.0-1.4 in.)

Small/Medium

MALE: Face: orange to red. Thorax: reddish-brown. Abdomen: orange-red w/ reduced black marks. Legs: red-brown basal, pale yellow beyond (darkening w/ age). Wings: may have amber basal. Stigmas: red. Appendages: red-brown.

FEMALE: Face: yellow. Thorax: yellow to gray. Abdomen: brown or red. Legs: yellow; brown in age. Ovipositor: scoop-like.

JUVENILE: Like F. Legs: (pale) yellow, especially tibia.

Habitat: Widespread at permanent ponds. Tandem adults often cluster at specific sites to oviposit.

Reproduction: Female oviposits in tandem; female dips into water or throws eggs on shores of still or slow-moving water. Eggs overwinter, hatch in early spring. One generation/year. Delayed egg development (diapause).

Notes: Old name: Yellow-legged Meadowfly. Abundant fall dragonfly; this species and *Enallagma civile* are most cold hardy of local odonates.

Similar Species: *S. rubicundulum* (Ruby M.) has black legs.

Locations: Alpha Ridge, Benson Branch, Carmax, Centennial, David Force, Elkhorn - FB, Font Hill, Forest Ridge, Fulton Schools, Gateway - AE/RF/SM, Guilford GV/Park, Hipsely Mill, Homespun, Kindler - P, Long Corner - P, Mayfield Woods - P/GG, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P1, Milk Plant - FP/LP/UP, Nichol's Cove, River Hill HS, Rockburn, Schooley Mill, Sewell's Orchard, Stevens - W, UMDCF - MPR/S, Vantage Point, Warfield's Pond.

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