

***Sympetrum ambiguum* (Rambur)**

Blue-faced Meadowhawk

18 Aug - 13 Oct

Common

31-38 mm (1.2-1.5 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: aqua-gray. Face: China-blue. Thorax: olive gray w/ irregular brown stripes. Abdomen: red w/ lateral triangular black markings. Legs: tan w/ black streaks. Stigmas: dark. Appendages: yellowish.

FEMALE: Eyes: aqua-gray. Abdomen: broader, brown w/ diffuse black bands around S4-9.

JUVENILE: Eyes: red-brown. Male: Face: lime-green. Abdomen: brown w/ black bands.

Habitat: Temporary or permanent ponds (w/ fluctuating levels), intermittent streams.

Reproduction: Mate on ground or weed stems. Female oviposits alone while male guards; drop eggs on ground of dried ponds or in vegetation on land side of shore. Exuviae on grass/weeds 2-4" above ground, 1-2' from edge of water. Delayed egg development (diapause).

Notes: Old name: Blue-faced Meadowfly. May appear in spring, disappear, reappear in fall. Blue face pigment may change to lime-green in cool temps.

Locations: Alpha Ridge, Centennial - VP, David Force, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant - FP, Schooley Mill.

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