

***Ladona deplanata* Rambur**

Blue Corporal

2 Apr – 4 Jun

Abundant/Rare

34-38 mm (1.3-1.5 in.)

Medium

MALE: Body: light-blue pruinosity. Abdomen: black mid-dorsal stripe. Wing: enlarged black basal spot split w/ amber color (most noticeable on HW as two basal stripes). Stigmas: brown. Appendages: brown.

FEMALE: Body: brownish-orange. Abdomen: lateral large yellowish spots becoming brighter on S7-8. Appendages: may be reddish.

JUVENILE: Abdomen: black dorsal stripe is a chain of triangles.

Habitat: Abundant on Coastal Plain, rare in Piedmont. Ponds/gravel pits; perch on low stems/sloping banks, on ground or fallen logs. Both sexes perch w/ wings cocked.

Reproduction: Male is territorial, flies low over water, clashes frequently. Mate in flight, less than 1/2 minutes. Female oviposits alone into water while Male guards. One generation/year.

Notes: Old name: Little Corporal.

Locations: Big Branch, Centennial, Font Hill, Fulton south area, Gateway - RF, Guilford GV/Park, Hammond V, Mayfield Wods ES, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P4, Western Regional.

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