

***Cordulegaster bilineata* Carle**

Brown Spiketail

28 May - 16 Jun

Uncommon

58-69 mm (2.3-2.7 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: whitish green. Thorax: brown w/ 2 narrow yellow stripes. Abdomen: middorsal small triangles, forming stripes on S2-3.

Habitat: Seepage areas, streams. Trickles, often sandy or boggy, usually sunny. Forages along sunlit edges of roads/woods. Somewhat wary.

Reproduction: Male makes long and slow patrols. Female oviposits along pool areas (vice running water). Larvae seem to prefer sunlit section of stream where thin layer of silt covers an otherwise sandy bottom.

Similar Species: *C. diastatops* (Delta-spotted S.; not in Howard County), which occurs elsewhere in MD.

Locations: Long Corner - PR, Mount Pleasant, Western Regional Park, Woodstock.

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