

***Argia tibialis* (Rambur)**

Blue-tipped Dancer

3 Jun - 9 Sep

Abundant

MALE: 30-38 mm (1.2-1.5 in.) FEMALE: 30-37 (1.2-1.5)

Medium

MALE: Face: purple, blue, tan or brown. Thorax: front primarily dark, sides largely pale/white; middorsal/wide shoulder stripes black, antehumeral stripes violet. Abdomen: dark violet w/ lighter rings, S9-10 blue or yellow. Legs: black/yellow. Wings: somewhat flavescent.

FEMALE: Color forms: Brown or Blue. Abdomen: S8-9 black, S10 tan; ovipositor black. Legs: pale or yellow w/ dark streaks.

JUVENILE: Female blue form looks like brown form.

Habitat: Rivers w/ rapids or riffles. To lesser extent along partly shaded streams. Lone individuals often found away from water or in other aquatic habitats. Perches on vegetation and in shade more than most other *Argia* species, but also perches on ground..

Reproduction: Female oviposits in tandem on floating vegetation, debris, or wet wood above water line (unusual for *Argia*).

Notes: Blue markings of both sexes turn gray at cool temps.

Similar species: Female *A. moesta* (Powdered D.) is larger w/ tan thorax w/ black middorsal stripe and tan ovipositor.

Locations: Avalon, Cattail, Centennial - S, Daniels, David Force, Deep Run, Font Hill, Frederick Road, Gwynn Acres – BR, Henryton, Kindler - D, Kittamaquindi, MPEA - MPR, Marriottsville, Milk Plant, Murray Hill, Old Frederick, PRSP, Savage Mill, Savage Park, Stevens - E, Vantage Point - S/LPR, Vollmerhausen - IB, Wincopin, Woodstock

[Phenograms](#) (pages 2 – 6).

[Locations](#) (in Howard County)

[Identification features and odonate anatomy](#)