

***Sympetrum semicinctum* (Say)**

**Band-winged Meadowhawk**

**19 Jun - 30 Oct**

**Common**

**24-31 mm (1.0-1.2 in.)**

**Small**

**MALE:** Eyes: chestnut-brown. Face: light. Thorax: reddish-brown. Abdomen: dorsally red, black below; S2-6 may have lateral black arrow-shaped marks and S8-9 lateral black marks. Legs: black. Wings: basal 1/2 banded w/ orange or brown heavier on HWs, paler and reduced on FWs. Appendages: cerci red, paraprocts black.

**FEMALE:** More brownish than reddish. Abdomen: wide black band on lower half of side; S7-9 small middorsal black triangles.

**JUVENILE:** Abdomen: golden-brown.

**Habitat:** Running water; marshes. Perches low in tall grasses. Forages in morning from tips of plants in marshy areas.

**Reproduction:** Mating perched in tall grasses. Female oviposits in tandem into water.

**Notes:** Old name: Band-winged Meadowfly. Population fluctuates greatly year-to-year.

**Locations:** Coca Cola Drive, David Force, Font Hill, Frederick Road, Gateway - AE/DR/RF/SM, Mayfield Woods - GG, Meadowbrook, Savage Park, Schooley Mill, Stevens - W, UMD CF - S, Wesley Lane.

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