

***Tramea carolina* Linnaeus**

**Carolina Saddlebags**

**19 Apr - 13 Oct**

**Common**

**48-53 mm (1.9-2.1 in.)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Head: reddish, forehead metallic-violet. Thorax: downy, reddish-brown. Abdomen: red, S8-10 black. Legs: dark brown or black. HWs: dark reddish-brown basal spot to outer edge of anal loop w/ red veins criss crossing. Stigmas: reddish- brown. Appendages: pale, darkened at tips; cerci long.

**FEMALE:** Forehead: dark blue. Face/Abdomen: brownish-red.

**JUVENILE:** Face/Abdomen: brownish red.

**Reproduction:** Male patrols large territory. Female oviposits alone or in tandem until female ready to release eggs; then male releases female as she dips to water surface and washes off eggs; then flies up and joins male; usually in morning or late afternoon (midday in cloudy weather).

**Notes:** Migratory. Old name: Violet-masked Glider.

**Locations:** Alpha Ridge - P3-4, Benson Branch, Brown's Bridge, Centennial - S/VP, Coca Cola Drive, Corridor, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - FB/L, Emerson – GC, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr - MS, Font Hill, Fulton Schools, Gateway - AE/JM/RF/SM/TP, Guilford GV/Park, High Ridge, Homespun, Hugg-Thomas #1, Kindler - OCP, Manor Woods, Mayfield Woods - P/GG, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P1/P4, Milk Plant - Schools, River Hill HS, Rockburn, Sewell's Orchard, Stanford, Stevens - W, Timbers (Troy), UMDCF - S, VFW Pond, Wesley Lane, Western Regional.

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