

***Ischnura hastata* (Say)**

Citrine Forktail

15 Apr - 1 Nov

Common

MALE: 20.5-25 mm (0.8-1.0 in.) FEMALE: 21-27 (0.8-1.1)

Tiny

MALE: Head: metallic black w/ minute round pale green postocular spots. Eyes: dark above, pale yellow-green below. Face: yellow. Thorax: pale lemon w/ middorsal/shoulder stripes bronze-black, antehumeral stripes yellow-green. Abdomen: black over mustard yellow; S1-2 black above, S4-6 w/ dark arrow-shaped marks pointing rearward; S7 mostly black, S8-10 orange-yellow; S10 has 2-pronged spine. Legs: pale w/ reduced black streaks. Stigmas: FW reddish/pink, HW blackish. Appendages: yellow.

FEMALE: Younger: bright orange-red. Older: olive-green pruinosity. Appendages: black.

JUVENILE: Female teneral red-orange w/ orange bar at back of head; orange shoulder stripes flanking wide mid-frontal thoracic stripe, sides white; S6-9 and posterior of S5 black dorsally.

Habitat: Thick emergent sedge, rush, or grassy sunlit areas where water is shallow and warm. Tops of emergent vegetation within the dense concentration of *Eleocharis*.

Reproduction: Female oviposits alone in barely submerged vegetation, only tip of abdomen in water.

Notes: Was *Anomalagrion hastatum*. Old name: Speartail.

Locations: Alpha Ridge - M/P3-4/TcP, Carmax, Centennial - VP, Cent HS, Corridor, Coca Cola Drive - ES, Folly Qtr - MS, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Gateway - RF/SM, Guilford - GV, Manor Woods, Marriottsville, Mayfield Woods - P, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P4, River Hill HS, Savage Park, Stevens - W, UMDCF-S

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