

***Erythemis simplicicollis* (Say)**

Common Pondhawk

11 May – 12 Oct

Abundant

36-50 mm (1.4-2.0 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: blue. Face/Thorax: green. Abdomen: marked w/ black rings. Body: becoming covered w/ a light blue-gray pruinosity. Stigmas: elongate, light brown. Appendages: cerci white.

FEMALE: Head/Thorax: bright green. Abdomen: green; S4-6 middorsal large rectangular black spots, S7-9 mostly black or dark brown. Spout-like ovipositor under S9.

JUVENILE: Eyes: green. Head/Thorax: bright green. Abdomen: pale yellow-green, marked w/ black rings. Male begins turning blue first near the base of the abdomen.

Habitat: Ponds; quiet weedy or slowly flowing waters, usually w/ plants on water surface. Perches anywhere: on bare ground or twigs/floating trash; roosts overnight in tall weeds or brush.

Reproduction: Male patrols near floating plants. Mate usually takes place on a perch; after pair separates, female rests for 30 sec. to 2 minutes. Female oviposits alone or while male guards into algal mat or other vegetation. Larvae needs >28 days to develop.

Notes: Old name: Green Jacket.

Locations: Alpha Ridge - M/P3-4, Atholton, Benson Branch, Big Branch, Brown's Bridge, Carmax, Centennial - L/S/VP, Cent HS, Coca Cola Drive, Corridor, David Force, Daniels, David Force, Deep Run, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - FB/L, Emerson – GC, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr - MS, Font Hill, Forest Ridge, Fox Chase, Frederick Road, Fulton Schools, Gateway - AE/RF/SM, Guilford - GV/Park, Gwynn Acres - BR, High Ridge, Hipsley Mill, Homespun, Hugg-Thomas #1/#2, Jackson Pond, Kindler - P/D/OCP, Kittamaqundi, Long Corner - P/PR, Manor Woods, Mayfield Woods - P/GG, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P1/P2/P3/P4, Milk Plant - LP/Schools, Mission - US1, Nichols Cove, Pigtail, River Hill HS, Rockburn, Savage Mill, Savage Park, Schooley Mill, Sewell's Orchard, Stevens, Trinity, UMDCF - S, Vantage Point LPR/S, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond, Wesley Lane, Western Regional, Wincopin.

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