

***Progomphus obscurus* (Rambur)**

Uncommon

Common Sanddragon

50-55 mm (2.0-2.2 in.)

28 May - 25 Aug

Medium

MALE: Eyes: gray-green. Thorax: brown w/ lime-green frontal stripes/white or green lateral stripes. Abdomen: slender, dark brown w/ middorsal yellow triangles on S2-7; S8-10 dark brown/swollen. Legs: short. Wings: subhyaline w/ basal small brown/black spot; leading edge often w/ narrow wash of yellow. Stigmas: black. Appendages: cerci yellow, paraprocts black.

FEMALE: Eyes: brown. Abdomen: no club.

Habitat: Small to medium streams. Adults wander; sometimes found perching from weed tops to treetops far from larval habitats. Predominantly on sandy sections of streams on mud/sandbars. Wary.

Reproduction: Male perches on sandy ground, make swift patrols, sometimes hovering, very low over water. Mating, perch on weeds or trees near water for 15 minutes. Female oviposits low/fast over moving water/tap surface or hover near edge of riffle/spray eggs into water; Male guards (only Clubtail to do this). Larvae burrow in sand.

Locations: Avalon, Daniels, David Force, Deep Run, Font Hill, Kindler, MPEA – MPR, Old Frederick Road, Gaither Road, Henryton, Kindler - D, Little Patuxent River, MPEA - CC, Murray Hill, Old Frederick, River Road, Savage Mill, Savage Park, Vollmerhausen - IB/U, Wincopin, Woodstock.

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