

***Somatochlora tenebrosa* (Say)**

Clamp-tipped Emerald

29 Jul - 13 Oct

Uncommon

48-64 mm (1.9-2.5 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: rich emerald. Thorax: hairy brown (green luster) w/ 2 lateral dull yellow stripes. Abdomen: long, slender, black; S2-3 lateral yellow spots. Legs: black (paler femora). Stigmas: dark brown. Appendages: clamp-shaped; cerci sharply arched, paraprocts smoothly curved up.

FEMALE: Larger than M, similar color. Ovipositor: slender triangular spout.

Habitat: Open areas near streams, prefers shade. Crepuscular: early morning and late evening. Adults often feed at edge of fields/along road cuts at dusk 3-15'. above ground. Forage along shaded roads or openings in evergreen canopy.

Reproduction: Male patrols in shade, sometimes in grass or brush at 2-3', hovering frequently. Female oviposits alone, dipping abdomen into shallow water or in mud near shoreline.

Similar Species: *S. provocans* (Treetop E.; not in Howard County)

Locations: Centennial - L, Kindler, Old Frederick, Wesley Lane.

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