

***Hagenius brevistylus* Selys**

**Dragonhunter**

**31 May - 9 Sep**

**Uncommon**

**77-87 mm (3.0-3.4 in.)**

**Very Large**

**MALE:** Eyes: green. Face: yellow cross-lined w/ black. Thorax: black w/ 2 lateral yellow stripes. Abdomen: black w/ bright yellow markings.  
Legs: black. Stigmas: brown. Appendages: black. Flight: carries abdomen curved downward in J shape.

**FEMALE:** Abdomen: stouter; dorsal stripe wider.

**Habitat:** Slow-moving rivers; occasionally streams w/ nearby woodlands. May hunt along forest edges.

**Reproduction:** Female oviposits by swooping rhythmically to water near bank or fly over open water/tap surface or hover near bank/drop eggs from the air. Larvae hide among submerged leaves; sprawlers. Distinctive exuviae.

**Notes:** Slow flying; may feed on other dragonflies/large butterflies.

**Locations:** Cattail, Centennial – S, Daniels, David Force, Farm Ponds, Font Hill, Gwynn Acres – BR, Kindler D/P, Lynn Buff - HB, Marriottsville, MPEA, Murray Hill - U, Old Frederick, River Road, Savage Park, UMDCF - MPR, Vollmerhausen - IB, Wincopin, Woodstock.

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