

***Enallagma basidens* Morse**

Double-striped Bluet

10 May - 17 Oct

Uncommon

MALE: 21-28 mm (0.8-1.1 in.) FEMALE: 21-28 (0.8-1.1)

Small

MALE: Like tiny *E. civile* EXCEPT Thorax: double shoulder stripes in blue/black, blue sides. Legs: blue to cream w/ black stripes. Appendages: cerci black, paraprocts pale w/ black tips.

FEMALE: Color forms: Green, Brown, or Blue. Abdomen: dorsally black, S9-10 mostly blue, S9 w/ distinctive black basal M-shaped middorsal spot (two black points).

Habitat: Ponds, especially freshly created ones w/ sparse vegetation. Reservoirs, borrow (gravel) pits, lakes, slow streams/rivers, especially spring-fed streams. Widespread but intermittent.

Reproduction: Female oviposits in tandem on submerged vegetation awash at the surface.

Similar Species: *E. civile* (Familiar Bluet)

Locations: Centennial - VP, Farm Ponds, Font Hill, Guilford GV/Park, Hipsely Mill, Long Corner - P, Manor Woods, MPEA - P1, Pigtail, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond, Western Regional.

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