

***Perithemis tenera* (Say)**

Eastern Amberwing

13 May - 8 Oct

Common

20-24 mm (0.8-1.0 in.)

Tiny

MALE: Thorax: brown w/ 2 lateral wide pale greenish-yellow stripes covered w/ soft brown hairs. Abdomen: dark brown; short, tapered at both ends. Wings: orange, long (some have dark brown spot near triangles of each wing). Stigmas: dark red. Small size/chunky build. Legs: yellowish w/ black spines. Appendages: cerci yellow.

FEMALE: Thorax/Abdomen: like male (but abdomen has middorsal yellow markings). Wings: brown spots w/ wings clear (heterochromatic) or rarely amber (homeochromatic).

Habitat: Still waters of deeper ponds and slow parts of streams and rivers. Perches on tips of weeds or twigs; mimics wasps. Prefers sunshine. Reproduction: Male patrols territory 10-20' diameter around protruding object. Complex courtship. Mate while perching. F oviposits alone onto floating debris or among emergent vegetation, while Male guards (infrequently in tandem). Exuviae on stumps/piers 15-30" up. Larvae needs >26 days to develop.

Locations: Alpha Ridge - P3-4, APL - BP, Benson Branch, Big Branch, Brown's Bridge, Carmax, Cattail, Centennial - L/P/S/VP, Deep Run, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - FB/L, Coca Cola Drive - ES, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr - MS, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Fulton Schols, Gateway - AE/RF/SM, Guilford - GV/Park, Gwynn Acres - BR, Hipsely Mill, Hollofield, Homespun, Hugg-Thomas #2, Jackson Pond, Kittamaquindi, Long Corner - P, Mayfield Woods - P/GG, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P1/P2/P4/SL, Milk Plant, Nichol's Cove, Old Frederick, Pigtail, Rockburn, Schooley Mill, Scott's Cove, Sewell's Orchard, Stevens - E, Trinity, UMDCFemale - S, Upper Triadelphia, Vantage Point - S, VFW Pond, Wincopin, Warfield's Pond, Western Regional, Wilde Lake, Woodstock.

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[Locations](#) (in Howard County)

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