

***Lestes inequalis* Walsh**

**Elegant Spreadwing**

**9 Jul [ one record]**

**Very Rare**

**MALE: 45-58.5 mm (1.8-2.3 in.) FEMALE: 45.4-58 (1.8-2.3)**

**Large**

**MALE:** Eyes: blue above, greenish-yellow below. Thorax/abdomen: black/metallic green above, light yellow below. Abdomen: S8-9 pruinosity. Legs: black/yellow. Appendages; black, paraprocts longer than cerci.

**FEMALE:** Like male except brown may replace metallic green. Eyes: brown above. Thorax: humeral stripes greenish-gray. Abdomen: S9 brown/swollen; S10 pale. Wings: sometimes slightly flavescent.

**JUVENILE:** Thorax: Male wide metallic green stripes on front which fuse at maturity; female median/shoulder bands orange-brown.

**Habitat:** Permanent ponds/lakes w/ abundance of emergent vegetation, slow streams. Perches in shade during day, becomes active near sundown; flies over open water.

**Reproduction:** Female oviposits in tandem in top surface of lily pads or in green stems above water level.

**Locations:** Kindler - P.

[Phenograms](#) (pages 2 – 6).

[Locations](#) (in Howard County)

[Identification features and odonate anatomy](#)