

***Enallagma civile* (Hagen)**

**Familiar Bluet**

**20 Apr – 11 Nov**

**Common**

**MALE: 30-39 mm (1.2-1.5 in.) FEMALE: 28-36 (1.1-1.4)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Head: top usually w/ 2 blue spots. Eyes/Face: blue. Thorax: blue w/ middorsal/shoulder stripes black. Abdomen: blue, S3-5 dorsal basal black triangles, S6-7 dorsal black triangles longer. Appendages: black. Head, Thorax, Appendages are hairy.

**FEMALE:** Color forms: Brown, Blue/Green. Thorax: pale rear edge of prothorax/pale middorsal thoracic line usually creates T-shaped mark; thin blue line divides middorsal stripe; thin shoulder stripes black. Abdomen: S4-7 black areas are pointed anteriorly (like bombs w/ fins); blue abdomen w/ dorsal black marks. Legs: spines, but short on tibia.

**Habitat:** Still or slow-moving water; rare on rivers. Common in newly formed sediment ponds, temporary or permanent waters, vegetated or not. Peak activity in late a.m. into afternoon; leaves water in late afternoon. Forages in flight by gleaning perched insects from vegetation.

**Reproduction:** Male is not territorial but defends perch. Mate about 20 minutes. Female oviposits in tandem in surface vegetation; female may descend underwater while male perches nearby to guard.

**Notes:** This species and *Sympetrum vicinum* (Autumn Meadowhawk) are the most cold hardy. Does not darken much at cool temps. Old name: Civil Bluet.

**Locations:** Alpha Ridge - P1/P3-4/TcP, APL - BP, Benson Branch, Big Branch, Brown's Bridge, Carmax, Cattail, Centennial - L/VP, Cent HS, David Force, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - FB/L, Coca Cola Drive, - BEL/ES, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr – MS, Font Hill, Forest Ridge, Fox Chase, Frederick Road, Fulton Schools, Gateway - AE/LP/RF/SM, Guilford GV/Park, High Ridge, Hugg Thomas, Jackson Pond, Kindler - P, Kittamaquidi, Long Corner - P, Manor Woods, Mayfield Woods - P/GG, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant - FP/LP/UP/Schools, Monpelier, MPEA - P1/P3/P4, Pigtail, River Hill HS, River Hill SC, Rockburn, Savage Mill, Savage Park, Schooley Mill, Scott's Cove, UMDCF, Vantage Point - S, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond, Wesley Lane, Western Regional, Wilde Lake, Woodstock.

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