

***Libellula needhami* Westfall**

Needham's Skimmer

30 Jun - 31 Aug

Uncommon

48-56 mm (1.9 -2.2 in.)

Medium

MALE: Face: red. Thorax: one pale stripe (obscure at maturity; poorly defined, upper boundary nearly horizontal, cutting diagonally across green of suture. Body: coral-pink. Legs: light brown, contrasting w/ dark tibial spines. Wings: yellow/orange-tinted; basal ½ of costa vein becomes orange. Stigmas: yellow or orange.

FEMALE: Face: yellow. Thorax: not striped. Wings: costa vein black from base to nodus.

Habitat: Habitat: Ponds, small lakes, marshes. Forages in fields/open habitat. Perches obliquely on stems.

Reproduction: Male is territorial. Mate 20 sec.-1 min, usually perching. Female oviposits alone while male guards.

Similar Species: *L. auripennis* (Golden-winged S.), in which hind tibia and spines of male are blackish.

Locations: Brown's Bridge, Gateway - RF, Meadowbrook, River Hill HS, UMDCF – S

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