

***Libellula semifasciata* Burmeister**

**Painted Skimmer**

**29 Apr - 28 Aug**

**Common**

**36-48 mm (1.4-1.9 in.)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Eyes: richly chestnut. Face: orange-red. Thorax/Abdomen: golden-brown (ochre) w/ hint of olive on sides; S7-10 black concave markings on top. Legs: brown. Wings: gold/brown; wash of pale pumpkin w/ black streak basal, darker brown spot at nodus, brownish at tip covering area of stigma. Stigmas: reddish. Appendages: black.

**FEMALE:** Similar to male but usually paler. Abdomen: S8 w/ flange.

**JUVENILE:** Face: gray. Stigmas: yellow.

**Habitat:** Grassy seepage areas and ponds. Ponds and marshes in forested areas and upland areas far from water. Wary.

**Reproduction:** Male is territorial and perches conspicuously, patrolling wide areas. Mating in flight. Female oviposits in grassy shallows, taps into water while Male guards. Notes: Common in spring; rare/local in marsh-like ditches or bogs in summer/early fall. Population peaks in mid-May. Migratory.

**Locations:** Alpha Ridge, Brown's Bridge, Centennial - L/VP, Coca Cola Drive, Corridor, David Force, Dorsey Hall, Dunteachin Farm, Farm Ponds, Font Hill, Frederick Road, Gateway - AE/RF/SM, Kindler - D/P, Lynn Buff, Manor Woods, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant, MPEA, Mission - US1, Murray Hill, Savage Park, Stevens - E/W, UMDCF - S, Vantage Point - S, Woodstock.

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