

***Ischnura ramburii* (Selys)**

Rambur's Forktail

5 Jul – 2 Sep

Rare

MALE: 27.5-36.5 mm (1.1-1.5 in.) FEMALE: 27-35 (1.1-1.4)

Small

MALE: Head: blue/aqua eyespots. Face: green/blue-green. Eyes: black above, green below. Thorax: green w/ black stripes. Abdomen: black, S1-2 sides green, S3-6 sides yellow/ochre, S8 all blue (S9 laterally blue). Stigmas: FW black/white, HW brown/beige. Appendages: dark. Solem notes on red for Male: Head: orange postocular spots connected w/ irregular bar. Eyes: light orange. Face: pale orange w/ parallel black stripes. Thorax: bright burnt orange, middorsal stripe black w/ white hairs, no black shoulder stripes. Abdomen: pale greenish-yellow on sides/below; pale rings; dorsally black; S8 w/ dorsal small spine. Legs: coxa orange, femora/tibia black including spines. Wings: hyaline. Stigmas: pale brown trapazoids w/ black outline.

FEMALE: Color forms (DK): Like male, Red, or Olive. Red form: Head: orange eye spots w/ irregular bar. Face: pale orange w/ black stripes. Eyes: green/light orange. Thorax: bright burnt orange w/ dorsal stripe white/hairy. (No shoulder stripes.) Stigmas: trapazoidal, pale brown outlined w/ black. Abdomen: dorsally black w/ pale rings; lateral-ventro pale greenish- yellow; small spine at top end S8.

JUVENILE: Male green areas are blue. Female may be orange.

Habitat: Still or slow-moving water.

Reproduction: Male is not territorial. Female oviposits alone in stems, debris, leaves (usually late in afternoon), curl abdomen to lay eggs on underside. Larvae needs >31 days to develop.

Locations: Centennial Park, Fox Chase. Fulton Schools ponds.

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