

***Sympetrum rubicundulum* (Say)**

Ruby Meadowhawk

1 Jun – 30 Oct

Common

29-38 mm (1.1-1.5 in.)

Medium

MALE: Face: greenish-yellow, darkens to reddish-brown. Thorax: reddish-brown. Abdomen: red or crimson w/ lateral black triangular markings. Legs: black. Wings: clear (amber basal). Stigmas: dark red-brown. Appendages: cerci reddish w/ black tip and prominent tooth on underside.

FEMALE: Yellow-orange where male is red, turning dull brown or olivaceous w/ age.

JUVENILE: Eyes: brown or green. Abdomen: gold w/ middorsal black stripe. Stigmas: very light.

Habitat: Ponds, small temporary ponds, vegetation near ponds (almost never over open water). Forages from weed stems. Reproduction: Male is territorial near wetlands. Female oviposits in tandem (infrequently alone), drops eggs into water. Delayed egg development (diapause).

Notes: Old name: Ruby Meadowfly.

Locations: Atholton, Alpha Ridge - M, Benson Branch, Centennial - L/S/VP/WD, Coca Cola Drive, David Force, Font Hill, Frederick Road, Gateway - RF, High Ridge, Kindler - P/D, Kittamaquindi, Manor Woods, Meadowbrook, River Road, Schooley Mill, Stevens - E/W, Vantage Point - S.

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