

***Nehalennia irene* (Hagen)**

Sedge Sprite

9 Aug [one record]

Very local

MALE: 24-29 mm (1.0-1.1 in.) FEMALE: 25-29.5 (1.0-1.2

Small

MALE: Head: top black. Eyes: blue. Face: green. Thorax: metallic green, sides aqua. Abdomen: very slender to S7; dorsally metallic green w/ light rings; S8 posterior quarter blue, S9-10 blue w/ paired large dark spots. Appendages: cerci dark, paraprocts blue.

FEMALE: Abdomen: S8-9 usually dark metallic green (infrequently like male) S10 w/ dark dorsal spots; ovipositor yellowish.

Habitat: Still marshy or boggy areas w/ emergent vegetation. Avoid open water

Reproduction: Female oviposit in tandem into floating bits of dead plant material; female horizontal, male at 45°.

Locations: Gateway - SM.

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