

***Enallagma geminatum* Kellicott**

Skimming Bluet

11 May - 5 Oct

Common

MALE: 22-28.5 mm (0.9-1.1 in.) FEMALE: 18.5-28 (0.7-1.1)

Small

MALE: Head: blue w/ comma-shaped postocular spots. Face: blue. Thorax: blue w/ middorsal/shoulder stripes black (sometimes discontinuous). Abdomen: mostly black; S2 middorsal diamond-shaped black spot/lateral narrow blue wavy band low; S3-5 w/ blue rings, S8-9 blue; tip of abdomen may curl downward when perched flat. Legs: blue or tan w/ black stripes. Stigmas: brown. Appendages: cerci black, paraprocts black or pale w/ black tips.

FEMALE: Similar to male. Thorax: pale colors blue, tan, or yellowish. Abdomen: S8 has pair of large basal blue spots (sometimes fused); S9-10 black.

Habitat: Most abundant at ponds but found in various aquatic habitats in fertile, well-oxygenated lakes, ponds/slow parts of streams—usually swampy or boggy with floating vegetation/ample shoreline vegetation. Often rests on floating vegetation (e.g., water lilies), 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Skims slowly and gracefully over water very close to surface.

Reproduction: Mate perched on bushes. Female oviposit in tandem or alone in algae or floating debris. It probably breeds only in lakes w/ fish.

Locations: Alpha Ridge, APL - BP, Benson Branch, Centennial - L/S VP, Elkhorn - L/FB, Farm Ponds, Font Hill, Gateway AE/RF/SM, Guilford GV/Park, Jackson Pond, Mayfield Woods - P, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P4, Milk Plant, Sewell's Orchard, Vantage Point - S, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond, Western Regional.

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