

***Enallagma traviatum traviatum* Selys**

Slender Bluet

2 Jun - 25 Jul

Uncommon

28.5-32 mm (1.1-1.3 in.) FEMALE: 30-32 (1.2-1.3)

Medium

MALE: Head: large eyespots (roughly triangular, joined by thin bar), turquoise edged w/ black. Eyes: deep blue. Face: turquoise. Thorax: turquoise w/ middorsal/narrow shoulder stripes black. Abdomen: very slender; turquoise w/ middorsal stripe black; S8-9 pale blue (but S8 anterior [or all] dorsally black). Legs: cream or pale blue w/ black streaks.

FEMALE: Head: aqua w/ triangular eye spots outlined in black connected by very thin aqua line; collar of black w/ aqua spots. Face: aqua. Eyes: green on top. Thorax: aqua (lighter than male); often middorsal stripe divided by a light brown line. Abdomen: aqua, dorsally black w/ S9-10 and much of posterior part of S8 aqua. Legs: pale.

Habitat: Shady ponds, usually w/ abundant emergent vegetation; very slow-moving streams. Stays mostly at pond edges.

Reproduction: Female oviposits in tandem on floating stems and emergent vegetation.

Similar Species: *E. divagans* (Turquoise B.) superficially similar, including same short flight period, but *E. divagans* prefers running water.

Locations: Cattail, Elkhorn, Font Hill, Gaither Road - P (Dickey Farm), Gateway - RF, Guilford GV/Park, Hipsley Mill, Kindler, Long Corner - P, Manor Woods, MPEA - P1/P4, Pigtail, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond.

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