

***Basiaeschna janata* (Say)**

Springtime Darner

7 Apr – 23 May

Uncommon

50-60 mm (2.0-2.4 in.) FEMALE:55-67 (2.2-2.6)

Large

MALE: Eyes: dark blue. Face: greenish. Thorax: brown w/ 2 prominent yellowish-white lateral stripes, stripes bordered in black; upper end may be green. Abdomen: pale or brown, basal segments swollen, S3 constricted; S2-9 ringed w/ black and have lines of lateral paired bluish spots. Legs: brown. Wings: small-medium basal brown spots, esp. HW. Stigmas: yellowish. Appendages: brown.

FEMALE: Longer than M. Abdomen: spots blue or green. Wings: more amber.

Habitat: Rivers and streams w/ riffles. Eutrophic, sheltered, lentic bodies of water. Fly fast several feet above water or shore. Range into forest openings. Often fly in shade/until nightfall.

Reproduction: Male flies fast and erratically without a definite beat. Female oviposits alone into floating leaves (submerging abdomen). Larvae need well-aerated water. Exuviae on stumps and emergent plants.

Locations: David Force, Kindler - D, Scott's Cove, Wincopin Neck, Zirm (EMCC).

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