

***Nehalennia gracilis* Morse**

**Sphagnum Sprite**

**14 Jun - 1 Aug**

**Very local**

**MALE: 22-31 mm (0.9-1.2 in.) FEMALE: 24-30 (1.0-1.2)**

**Small**

**MALE:** Head: top, green. Eyes: blue. Face: pale blue. Thorax: top, metallic-green reflections; sides blue. Abdomen: black, S8-10 BLUE. Legs: yellowish w/ black stripes. Appendages: dark.

**FEMALE:** Thorax: lower side whitish. Abdomen: green dorsally; S9 blue w/ 2 dark anterior spots; S10 blue; ovipositor yellowish.

**Habitat:** Sedge bogs w/ emergent vegetation. Inconspicuous because of delicate build and habit of flying low through emergent vegetation.

**Reproduction:** Oviposit in tandem in floating vegetation.

**Similar Species:** *N. integricollis* male (Southern S.; not found in Howard County) has only S10 blue.

**Locations:** Wesley Lane.

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[Locations](#) (in Howard County)

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