

***Libellula cyanea* Fabricius**

Spangled Skimmer

14 May - 5 Sep

Abundant

38-47 mm (1.5-1.9 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: dark green. Face: shining black. Thorax/Abdomen: pale blue pruinosity. Stigmas: bicolored black/white. Appendages: brownish, becoming black.

FEMALE: Face: whitish green. Abdomen: yellow or brown; S8 w/ flange. Wings: tips brown from stigma outward.

JUVENILE: Thorax: brown w/ creamy sides and lateral black stripe. Abdomen: pale gold w/ middorsal broad black band.

Habitat: Well-vegetated ponds. Forages in fields. Perches obliquely.

Reproduction: Male patrols from perch on grass or *Juncus* (rush) and flies out. Mate in flight. Female oviposits alone in still shoreline water while Male guards.

Notes: Old name: White Spangled Skimmer.

Locations: Alpha Ridge - M, Benson Branch, Brown's Bridge, Centennial - L/S/VP, Coca Cola Drive, David Force, Deep Run, Elkhorn - FB, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr - MS, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Frederick Road, Gateway - JM/RF/SM, Guilford - GV, High Ridge, Hipsely Mill, Hugg-Thomas #1/#2, Kindler - D/P, Long Corner - P, Lynn Buff, Manor Woods, Mayfield Woods - GG, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant, Mission, MPEA - P3/P4, Nichols Cove, Savage Park, Stevens - E, UMDCF - S, Vantage Point - S, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond, Wesley Lane.

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