

***Lestes congener* Hagen**

Spotted Spreadwing

26 Jul - 17 Nov

Uncommon

MALE: 32-42 mm (1.3-1.7 in.) FEMALE: 31-39 (1.2-1.5)

Medium

MALE: Head: dark. Eyes: deep blue. Nose: turquoise. Thorax: dorsal stripe black, narrow shoulder stripe brown, brown laterally, light beige below. Abdomen: bronze-brown; S2-7 middorsal pale stripe, S9-10 white pruinosity; S8-9 swollen. Legs: black, outside tibia light. Stigmas: very dark. Appendages: black.

FEMALE: Less pruinosity. Nose: dark. Abdomen: S1-3 middorsal pale line more prominent; S9-10 dark; light rings on anterior end of segments. Stigmas: brown;

Habitat: Permanent/temporary ponds, including stagnant water. Flies in wetlands or fields adjacent to highly vegetated lake/pond shores.

Reproduction: Female oviposits in tandem in woody or herbaceous stems, slicing open stems above waterline and inserting eggs. One generation/year. Delayed egg development (diapause). Larvae needs >52 days to develop.

Locations: Alpha Ridge, Font Hill, Gateway - AE/RF/SM, MPEA - P3, Schooley Mill, Stevens - W

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[Locations](#) (in Howard County)

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