

***Didymops transversa* Say**

**Stream Cruiser**

**26 Mar - 13 Jun**

**Common**

**51-60 mm (2.0-2.4 in.)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Eyes: glassy green. Face: yellow. Thorax: brown, hairy, single lateral yellow stripe. Abdomen: dull brown, clubbed; S2-8 middorsal yellow spots. Legs: brown; long. Wings: clear w/ small brown basal mark. Stigmas: brown. Appendages: cerci bright yellow, paraprocts tawny.

**FEMALE:** Similar to Male but eyes take longer to change to green.

**JUVENILE:** Eyes: brown.

**Habitat:** Rivers and sandy forest streams. Usually flies along edges of river 1-2' above surface. Perches just above the ground. Slower reaches of rivers, stream edges, lakes. Forages low over roads/powerlines. Flies in and out of vegetation.

**Reproduction:** Male patrols edges of open ponds about 1.5' above water; long regular beat. Mate while hanging on weeds, bushes, or low branches. Female oviposits alone into streams, flying low over water surface w/ abdomen slightly raised and touch water. Larvae are sprawlers. Exuviae on boulders or tree trunks >6', sometimes 30' from water.

**Notes:** Old name: Belted Skimmer. Limited spring flight period (peaking in May).

**Locations:** Elkhorn, Kindler - D, Long Corner - P, Vollmerhausen - IB.

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