

***Lestes vigilax* Hagen in Selys**

**Swamp Spreadwing**

**5 Jun - 4 Sep**

**Very local**

**MALE: 44-55 mm (1.7-2.2 in.) FEMALE: 42-50  
(1.7-2.0)**

**Large**

**MALE:** Occiput: black w/ pruinosity. Eyes: top rich sea-blue, bottom pale blue. Face: robin's-egg blue. Thorax: dark metallic green, lower sides pale/whitish, shoulder stripe rusty brown (bronze iridescence). Abdomen: deep metallic green above, yellow/pale below, S9 white pruinosity. Legs: dark brown. Stigmas: yellow-brown. Appendages: black tipped; cerci, long/gently curved; paraprocts, shorter, thin/straight.

**FEMALE:** Eyes: brown above, tan below. Abdomen: no pruinosity; posterior lateral pale or shades to rusty brown.

**JUVENILE:** Thorax: median/dorsolateral bands orange-brown.

**Habitat:** Vegetated shorelines of bog-edged ponds or slow-moving streams. When not ovipositing, females are usually in forested areas away from sunlight.

**Reproduction:** Mate on emergent plants. Female oviposits in tandem in plants awash at water surface.

**Locations:** Gaither Road (Dickey Farm), Bloom Lane (Romiti Farm).

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