

***Arigomphus villosipes* (Selys)**

**Unicorn Clubtail**

**18 May - 12 Jul**

**Uncommon**

**50-58 mm (2.0-2.3 in.)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Head: prominent median spike on occiput. Face: pale yellow-green. Eyes: pale blue-gray/aqua-gray. Thorax: yellowish-green w/ middorsal black stripe w/ gray-green patches to either side. Abdomen: black w/ narrow light yellow pattern on S1-6 and gray ventrally; S7-9 black and swollen; S10 light bordered w/ black; lateral thick black line or thin black line w/ gray-green lines between and below. Abdomen: middorsally yellow. Legs: short w/ short black spines. Wings: clear. Stigmas: narrow, light brown. Appendages: light yellow, wide open and hooked.

**FEMALE:** Similar to M. (Genus is only Clubtail w/ an ovipositor.)

**Habitat:** Ponds (usually) or edges of slow-moving Coastal Plain rivers w/ muddy bottom and little submerged vegetation. Commonly perches on lily pads or muddy banks of slow streams or ponds. Tolerates degraded habitats.

**Reproduction:** Patrolling: low over water. Female oviposits alone, tapping abdomen in water near shore. Exuviae at water edge or floating on the surface (high enough to free head/thorax).

**Notes:** Was *Gomphus villosipes*.

**Locations:** Centennial - VP, Cent HS, Elkhorn - L/FB, Font Hill, Gateway - RF/SM, Henryton, Homespun, Jackson Pond, Kittamaqundi (north end; RO), Manor Woods, Marriottsville, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant, MPEA P3/P4, Old Frederick, Schooley Mill, Sewell's Orchard, Sunnyside, Trinity, VFW Pond. Western Regional, Woodstock.

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