

***Enallagma vesperum* Calvert**

Vesper Bluet

14 Jun – 24 Sep

Uncommon

MALE: 28-38 mm (1.1-1.5 in.) FEMALE: 31-37 (1.2-1.5)

Medium

MALE: Head: black w/ yellow-green postocular spots joined by bar to form dumbbell. Eyes: brown above, yellow below. Face: yellow-orange. Thorax: yellow w/ middorsal/ thin shoulder stripes black/brown. Abdomen: dorsal dark, lateral yellow, yellow rings; S9 sky blue. Legs: yellow-orange, may have black stripe on femur. Appendages: brown to yellow. Very slender.

FEMALE: Pale colors, dull yellow to yellow-green. Similar to male but abdomen very dark, S9 yellow/tan or pale blue-green.

JUVENILE: Pale blue/blue-gray replaces yellow.

Habitat: Ponds/marshes (marsh-bordered lakes), slow streams w/ abundant emergent/floating vegetation. Semicrepuscular (not flying in forenoon; most active in late afternoon, sometimes not active until dusk). Rests in white pines. Flies close to water surface.

Reproduction: Mate on lily pads or away from water. Female oviposits in tandem in stems below water, top of lily leaves.

Notes: Old name: Evening Bluet.

Similar Species: Separate from *E. signatum* (Orange B.) by appendages/color of S9.

Locations: Centennial - L/VP, Gaither Road - P (Dickey Farm).

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