

***Argia fumipennis violacea* (Hagen)**

Variable (Violet) Dancer

22 Apr - 8 Oct

Common

MALE: 29-33 mm (1.1-1.3 in.) FEMALE: 32-34 (1.3)

Medium

MALE: Head/face: purple w/ large purple postocular spots sometimes connected by a narrow purple band. Thorax: purple w/ black middorsal/shoulder stripes black. Abdomen: purple-violet alternating w/ narrow, black rings; S7 black, S8-10 powdery purple-blue on top. Wings: clear. Stigmas: brown.

FEMALE: Dark brown, shades of brown, or dull purple. Chunkier than male. Abdomen: S8-10 pale.

Habitat: Most abundant along streams. Edges of lakes, ponds/bogs. Rocky lotic waters/small lakes. Adults prefer sunny spots on or near ground for resting horizontally (distinctive of this genus). Wary/quick to fly when approached.

Reproduction: Patrolling territory 6' long. Mate for 20-40 minutes. Female oviposits in tandem for 45-90 minutes on horizontal aquatic vegetation or in wet wood. Can breed in still waters as well as rivers/streams.

Locations: Atholton, Carmax, Centennial - L/S/VP, Daniels, David Force, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - FB, Coca Cola Drive - BEL, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr, - MS, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Frederick Road, Gateway - AE/LP/SM, Guilford Park, Gwynn Acres – BR, Henryton - U, Hipsely Mill - P/R, Howard Chapel, Hugg-Thomas, Jackson Pond, Kindler - D/P, Kittamaquindi, Long Corner - P/PR, Lynn Buff, Marriottsville, Mayfield Woods - DR/GG, Meadowbrook, MPEA - CC/P1/P4, Mount Pleasant, Murray Hill, Nichol's Cove, Old Frederick, PRSP, Savage Mill, Savage Park, Sewell's Orchard, Stevens - E/W, UMDCF - S, Vantage Point - S/LPR, Vollmerhausen, Warfield's Pond, Wesley Lane, Wilde Lake, Wincopin, Woodstock

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