

***Libellula flavida* Rambur**

Yellow-sided Skimmer

4 Jul - 12 Aug

Uncommon

42-51 mm (1.7-2.0 in.)

Medium

MALE: Eyes: top deep blue, bottom lime green. Face: shining black. Body: light blue pruinosity. Thorax: lateral large yellow patch divided by narrow stripe. Abdomen: S2-3 and part of S4 lateral yellow patches. Wings: yellow-tinted w/ flavescent area along costa. Stigmas: long, tawny. Appendages: cerci black, paraprocts brown.

FEMALE: Face: yellow or tan. Thorax: brown w/ lateral large yellow patch. Abdomen: brown w/ black dorsal stripe; S8 w/ flange. Wings: tips black to stigma.

JUVENILE: Like female.

Habitat: Grassy seeps and sunny bogs w/ sphagnum; small sand-bottomed streams.. Adults perch near nymphal habitat. Forages in clearings.

Reproduction: Male perches low and guards small territories w/ few patrol flights. Mating in flight. Female oviposits alone while male guards from a perch (all other *Libellula* hover).

Similar Species: Yellow thorax patch separates from all other *Libellula* except *L. cyanea* (Spangled S.), which has bicolored stigmas.

Locations: Centennial , Wesley Lane.

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