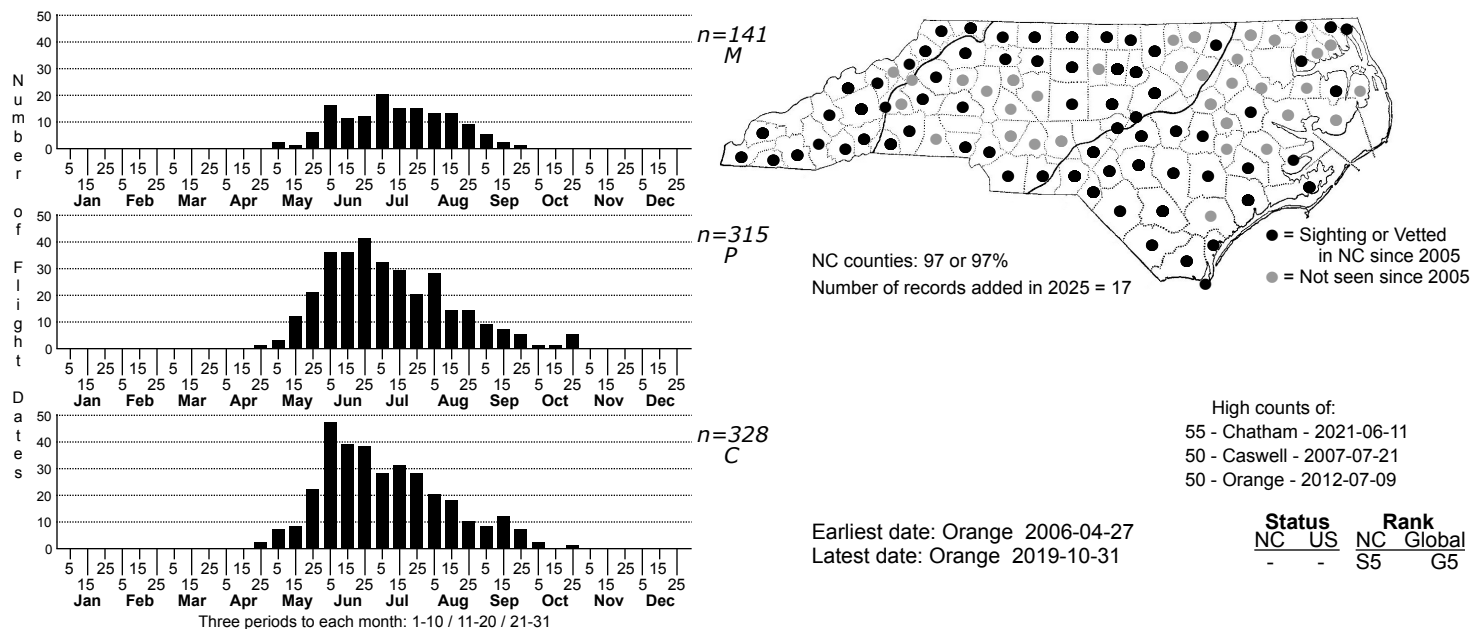


Celithemis fasciata Banded Pennant



DISTRIBUTION: Essentially statewide. Undoubtedly occurs in all 100 counties, though not yet recorded from three counties.

ABUNDANCE: Fairly common to often common in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont; fairly common in most of the mountains, but certainly rare or absent at higher elevations.

FLIGHT: Most of the flight season -- late April to late September, rarely into October. The mountain flight is barely shorter.

HABITAT: As with other pennants, it breeds at ponds and lakes, typically ones that are fairly open, frequently at man-made ponds.

BEHAVIOR: Males are most often seen along the margins of ponds, making short patrols out over the water. This species usually doesn't stray too far from the margins of ponds and lakes.

COMMENTS: This is another of our numerous pennants, perhaps slightly less numerous than the Halloween Pennant, but nonetheless quite widespread in the state and not hard to find by walking around the margins of open ponds and lakes with some marshy or emergent vegetation along the shores. Oddly, Dunkle (2000) gives its abundance rangewide simply as "local", which implies some scarcity or difficulty in finding, which does not fit the case in NC.