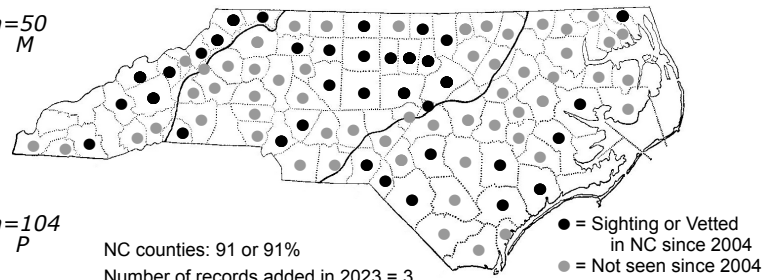
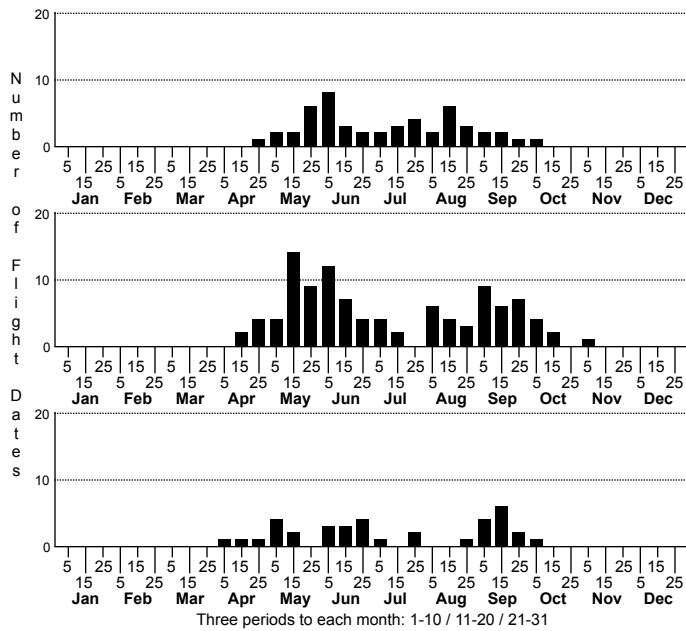


## *Enallagma basidens* Double-striped Bluet



NC counties: 91 or 91%  
Number of records added in 2023 = 3

● = Sighting or Vetted in NC since 2004  
● = Not seen since 2004

Incomplete date not graphed:  
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High counts of:  
35 - Orange - 2009-06-13  
25 - Chatham - 2018-05-12  
15 - Madison - 2012-06-08

Earliest date: Onslow 2017-04-05  
Latest date: Alamance 2016-11-06

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
-	-	S5	G5

**DISTRIBUTION:** Essentially statewide. Though absent from a handful of mountain and far eastern Coastal Plain counties, it likely occurs in essentially all 100 counties.

**ABUNDANCE:** Despite its very wide range in the state, this is by no means a common or really numerous damselfly, much less numerous than many of our other bluets. Uncommon to locally fairly common in the mountains and Piedmont, but mostly uncommon in the Coastal Plain, and rare near the coast. For example, in 2022, there were just nine reports for the entire state.

**FLIGHT:** The flight starts in April in all provinces, being a bit earlier in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont (early or mid-April) than in the mountains (late April). The long flight continues to mid-October (rarely to early November) in the Piedmont, at least to early October in the Coastal Plain, and to early October in the mountains.

**HABITAT:** Ponds and small lakes, as well as slow-moving streams, usually where there is emergent vegetation.

**BEHAVIOR:** Though males often perch in the open at a pond, these are about our smallest bluets, and perching is usually very close to the water, where they can be overlooked by observers.

**COMMENTS:** As with so many of our damselflies, the number of recent records with flight dates is far fewer than what would be expected from the large number of county records historically -- implying little effort at studying damselflies by more recent biologists. Though the species occurs perhaps in all 100 counties, it is not overly numerous anywhere, with just two single-day tallies of over 15 individuals.