Stylurus notatus Elusive Clubtail



DISTRIBUTION: This Northern/Midwestern species has been attributed to NC by one or more references, and supposedly there is a sight record for Wake County. Cuyler has no record for NC, however. The range certainly approaches NC to the north (VA) and west (TN and n.w. GA), so it is certainly possible that the species occurs in the state.

ABUNDANCE: Unknown if it occurs in NC.

FLIGHT: The GA record is for May 16. Likely looked for in NC in May and June.

HABITAT: Larger rivers and lakes, with sandy bottoms.

BEHAVIOR: The species is well-named. Adults are notoriously difficult to net, as they perch high in treetops and make wide foraging bouts over water, usually far from shore.

COMMENTS: This northern/midwestern species has been attributed to NC by one or more references (including Bick and Mauffray [1997-2004]), and supposedly there is a sight record for Wake County. Cuyler has no record for NC, however. The range certainly approaches NC to the northwest (extreme southeastern KY) and west (central TN and northwestern GA), so it is possible that the species could occur in the state. The species is very difficult to study; adults are notoriously difficult to net, as they perch high in treetops and make wide foraging bouts over water, usually far from shore.

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