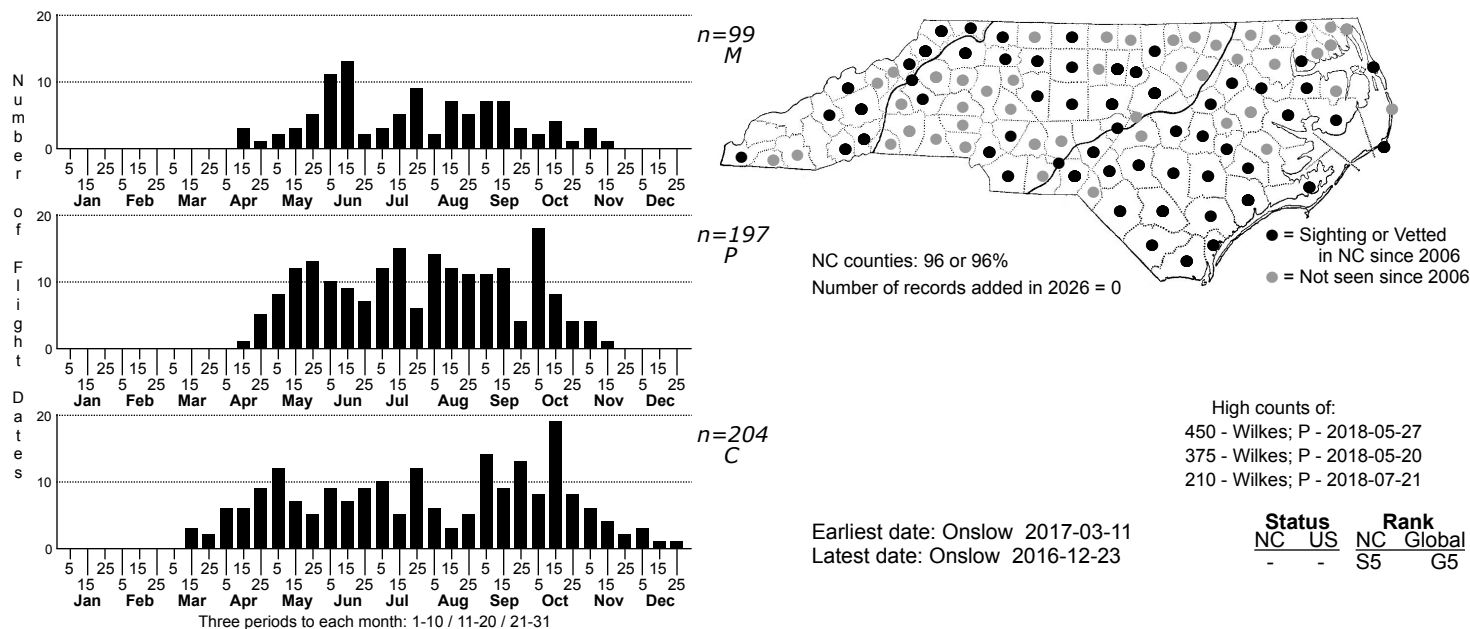


Enallagma civile Familiar Bluet



DISTRIBUTION: Statewide. Though no records for four counties in the southwestern tip of the state and one eastern county, it is assumed to occur in all 100 counties.

ABUNDANCE: Common, at least locally, and widespread across the Coastal Plain and Piedmont; common in the northern and central mountains, but less numerous in the southwestern mountains.

FLIGHT: A very long flight period for a damselfly -- in the Coastal Plain from mid-March to late December, though scarce after mid-November. In the Piedmont and mountains, the flight starts around mid-April and extends to mid-November in both provinces.

HABITAT: A wide array of ponds and other still water habitats, even slow-moving rivers -- especially where emergent vegetation is present.

BEHAVIOR: As with many other bluets, it typically is found in full sun at ponds, perching on emergent vegetation just above the water. And, like most, it can be quite local and not found in some ponds or lakes that may seem to appear to be perfect for them.

COMMENTS: This is one of the state's most widespread and often seen pond damselflies, and one of the few that is numerous in truly coastal counties. It is quite similar in appearance to Atlantic Bluet, and thus sight reports of these two in the Coastal Plain and eastern Piedmont must be made with care and might be suspect. This is especially true as the Atlantic Bluet can often greatly outnumber the Familiar Bluet at some/many Coastal Plain ponds and lakeshores.