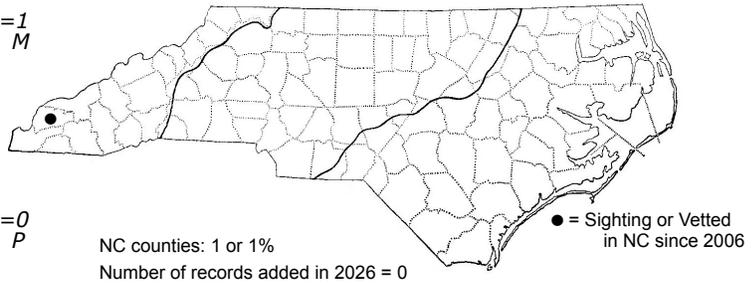
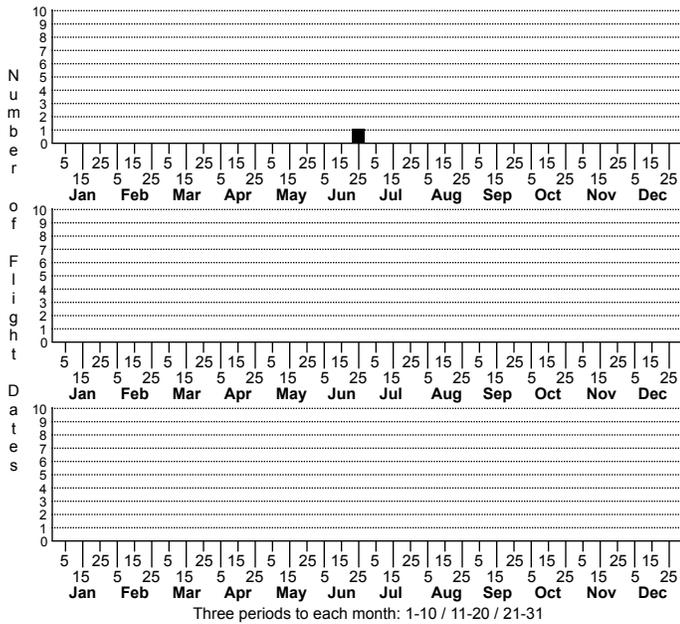


Dromogomphus spoliatus Flag-tailed Spinyleg



High counts of:
1 - Graham - 2014-06-23

Earliest date: Graham 2014-06-23
Latest date: Graham 2014-06-23

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
SR	-	S1	G4G5

DISTRIBUTION: Ranges essentially west of NC, east to eastern TN and the extreme northwestern corner of GA. Finally, in 2014, it was found in NC, in western Graham County, less than 10 miles from the TN line. It is to be looked for in other low elevation sites in the Mountains close to the TN border, especially in the southwestern corner of the state.

ABUNDANCE: Very rare in NC, with just a single documented record (photo). Not uncommon in much of its range, but Beaton (2007) calls it "Rare to uncommon and local" in its small range in northwestern GA. The record is assumed to represent a resident individual and not a stray, especially as the June date is at a time of year when strays/migrants seldom occur.

FLIGHT: Late May into September in GA. The only NC record is for 23 June. The NC flight is likely spread out over a 3-4-month period in mid-summer.

HABITAT: Mostly rivers and large streams, and at times around ponds and lakes; generally at areas where the flow of water is low.

BEHAVIOR: Males perch on the ground near water; they may also perch on vegetation or other objects.

COMMENTS: At least one older reference listed the species as occurring in NC, but Cuyler has no records; Bick and Mauffray (1997-2004) also does not list NC for this species, nor do later references, including the OdonataCentral range maps. However, Owen McConnell obtained an excellent photograph of an individual perched on the ground in north-central Graham County in 2014; this conclusively documents the species in NC. This was the first new odonate species recorded in NC since the Rusty Snaketail was found in 2006; however, the stray records of Twilight Darner in late 2021 now become the most recently added odonate species to the NC list.