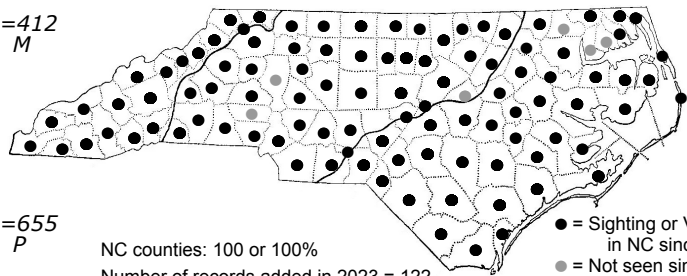
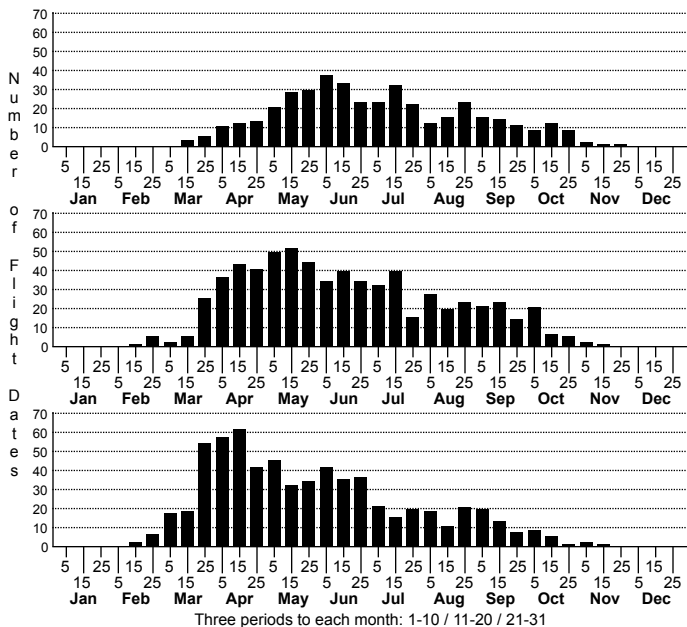


Ischnura posita Fragile Forktail



NC counties: 100 or 100%
Number of records added in 2023 = 122

Sight (not vetted) in 2024: Richmond; P

High counts of:
475 - Wake - 2013-04-27
375 - Wake - 2014-04-23
245 - Wake - 2013-05-03

Earliest date: New Hanover 2017-02-12
Latest date: Buncombe 2011-11-25

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
-	-	S5	G5

DISTRIBUTION: Statewide, recorded from all 100 counties.

ABUNDANCE: Abundant nearly everywhere; arguably the most widespread and frequently seen damselfly in the state, though not occurring in the abundance that the Citrine Forktail can be found in the Sandhills region.

FLIGHT: As with many forktails, the flight is very long -- mid-February to mid-November.

HABITAT: A wide variety of wet grassy areas, typically around pond or lake margins, slow-moving streams, etc.

BEHAVIOR: This tiny species (as are other forktails) is easily overlooked by the casual observer, often hidden amid the grasses and other vegetation along a pond margin or the edge of a creek or river.

COMMENTS: As with the Citrine Forktail, this is an easily found species, all across the state for most of the warmer months. Because it is a tiny species, its numbers in the state may equal or exceed the numbers of individuals of abundant dragonfly species such as Blue Dasher and Eastern Pondhawk. However, owing to its tiny size, observers might need to be patient, bend down to look closely in the dense waterside vegetation, and often simply wait for movement to spot these damselflies.