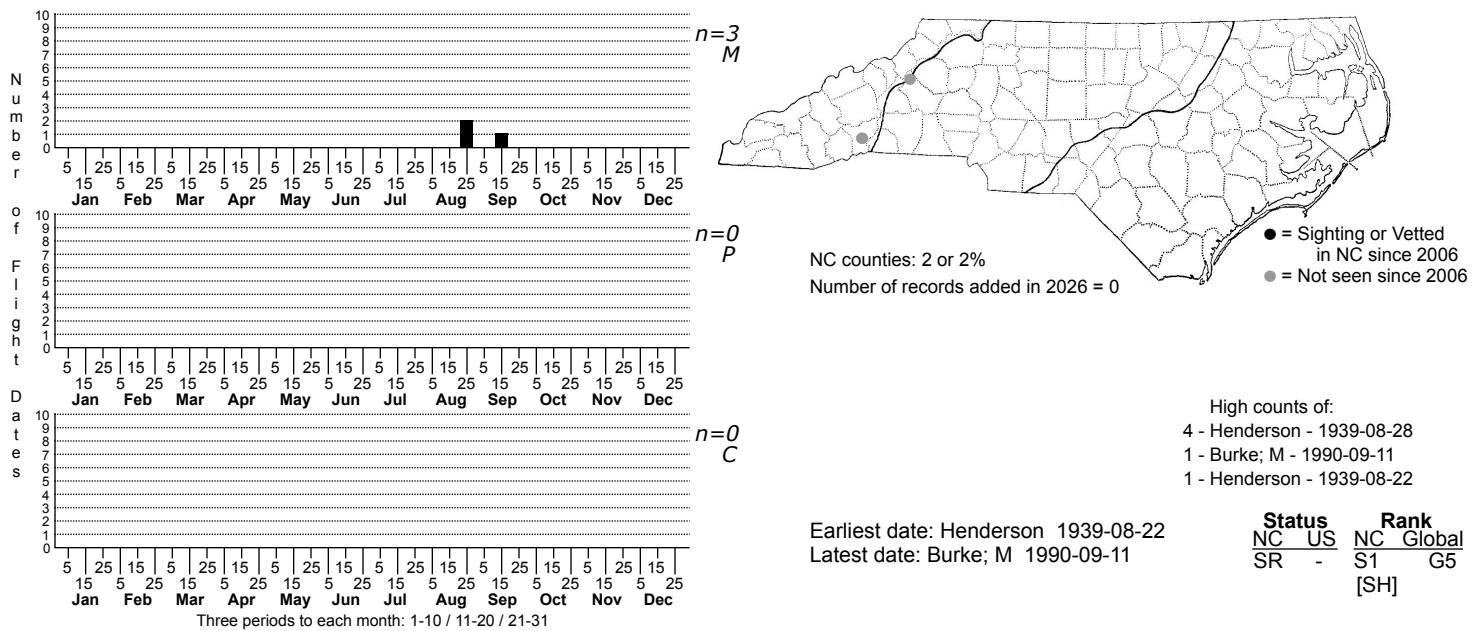


Aeshna verticalis Green-striped Darner



DISTRIBUTION: Mountains only; despite this being a northern species, with NC at the southern edge of the range, the records are from the central and southern escarpment region: Burke and Henderson counties.

ABUNDANCE: Presumably very rare, if still present in the state (with the last record in 1990). Sadly, as no records have come forth in 2022, the editors suggest it should now be considered as Historical in NC, though certainly it could be re-discovered.

FLIGHT: Late summer -- July into September likely in NC, though the only dates available are 28 August and 11 September.

HABITAT: Small ponds, pools, and seeps, typically where spring-fed, and usually near a forest.

BEHAVIOR: Males spend much time feeding along pond and marshy margins. How much time is spent foraging over land is not known.

COMMENTS: A handful of odonates with ranges restricted to the mountains in NC -- especially clubtails -- are seldom reported in recent years. There are only two county records for this species. As the last recorded year available to us is from 1990, the website suggests that the N.C. Natural Heritage Program now (Fall 2022) consider it as Historical, with a State Rank of SH, as a 30-year period of no records is a useful time frame for moving a species to the Historical category. No living person has seen the species in the state, and so some survey work directed for this species in lower elevations of the mountains in late August and September is suggested.