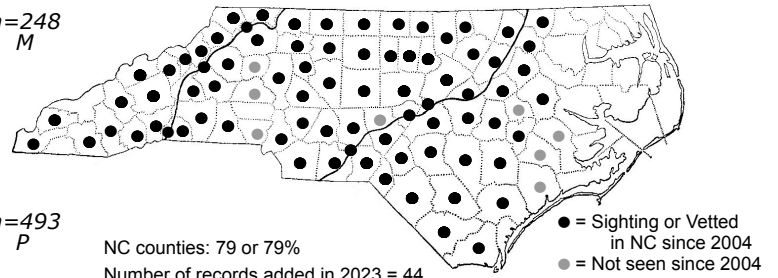
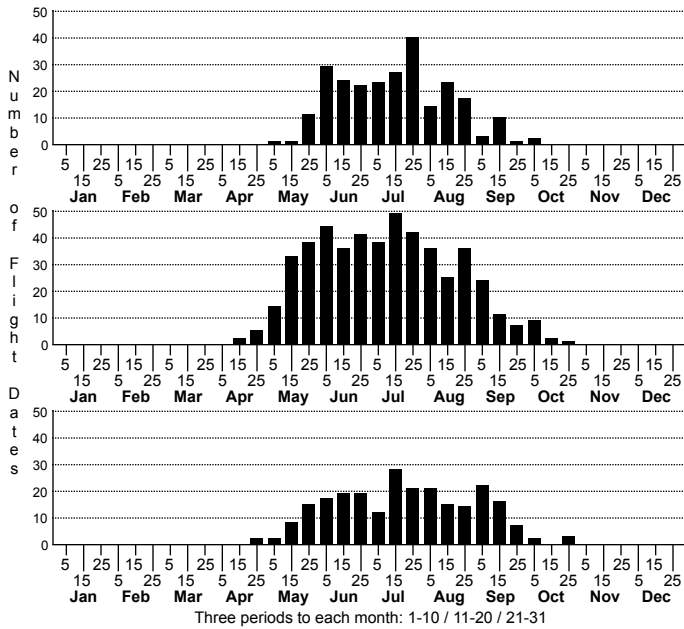


## *Argia moesta* Powdered Dancer



NC counties: 79 or 79%  
Number of records added in 2023 = 44

Sight (not vetted) in 2024: Polk, Wilkes; M

High counts of:  
815 - Wake - 2014-06-25  
575 - Wake - 2013-07-27  
220 - Columbus - 2018-08-10

Earliest date: Orange 2017-04-12  
Latest date: Bladen 1981-10-28

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
-	-	S5	G5

**DISTRIBUTION:** Throughout the mountains, Piedmont, and the western two-thirds of the Coastal Plain. Absent from most of the northeastern third of the Coastal Plain (i.e., nearly all counties around Albemarle and Pamlico sounds).

**ABUNDANCE:** Common to abundant in the eastern Piedmont; common to very common elsewhere across the mountains, Piedmont, and western 60-65% of the Coastal Plain, though less numerous in the southwestern part of the mountains. May be legitimately absent from nearly all counties in the Tidewater zone (around Albemarle and Pamlico sounds).

**FLIGHT:** The Piedmont flight occurs from mid-April to late October, and the Coastal Plain flight is at least from early May (if not earlier) to late October. The mountain flight occurs from early May to early October.

**HABITAT:** Found along rivers and streams, more so along rockier ones and larger ones than all other dancers. Can also be found along roads and other places away from water, when foraging.

**BEHAVIOR:** This is the most frequently seen dancer along rockier streams and rivers, often perching on exposed rocks. As with several other dancers, this species can be frequently seen away from water at sunny patches along trails and dirt roads.

**COMMENTS:** The two highest counts in the state are from the eastern Piedmont, though this might be an artifact of observer coverage rather than a true abundance pattern. Adult males are easily identified by their very glaucous (whitish) "bloom", particularly on the thorax.