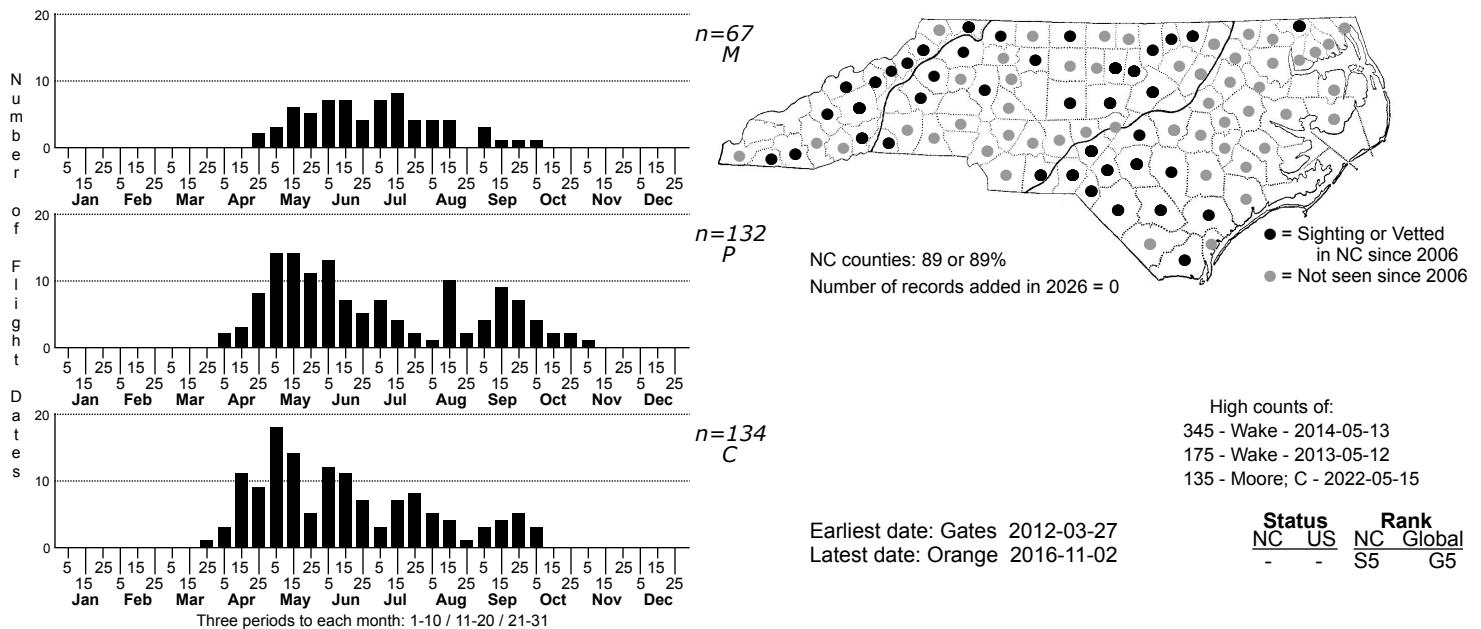


## *Enallagma geminatum* Skimming Bluet



**DISTRIBUTION:** Essentially statewide, though of spotty distribution in the mountains and upper Piedmont, and close to the coast. However, it likely occurs in all 100 counties.

**ABUNDANCE:** Fairly common statewide, and locally common (several daily counts over 100 individuals). Not obviously more numerous in one province than another, though the two highest counts have come from Wake County in the eastern Piedmont. Interestingly, there seem to be few recent records for most of the Coastal Plain, outside of the Sandhills region and the southeastern counties; thus, it now appears to be rare to uncommon in this large region.

**FLIGHT:** A long flight season, downstate from late March or early April to mid-October (and sparingly to early November). In the mountains, it flies from late April to early October.

**HABITAT:** A variety of still, open waters, typically lakes and ponds, especially where there are lily pads or other floating vegetation.

**BEHAVIOR:** This species likes full sun, and often is found on lily pads or on other vegetation close to shore, but in sun. However, like most bluets, it can be quite local, and many suitable ponds seem to lack this species.

**COMMENTS:** Additional field work in the western third of the state ought to provide new county records. However, there are fewer lakes and ponds in that part of the state that contain water lilies and other floating vegetation, not that this is a requirement to find this bluet.