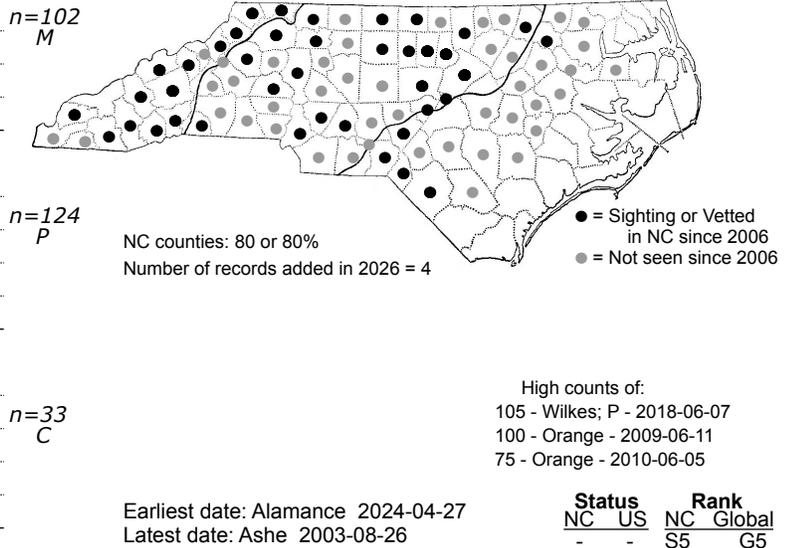
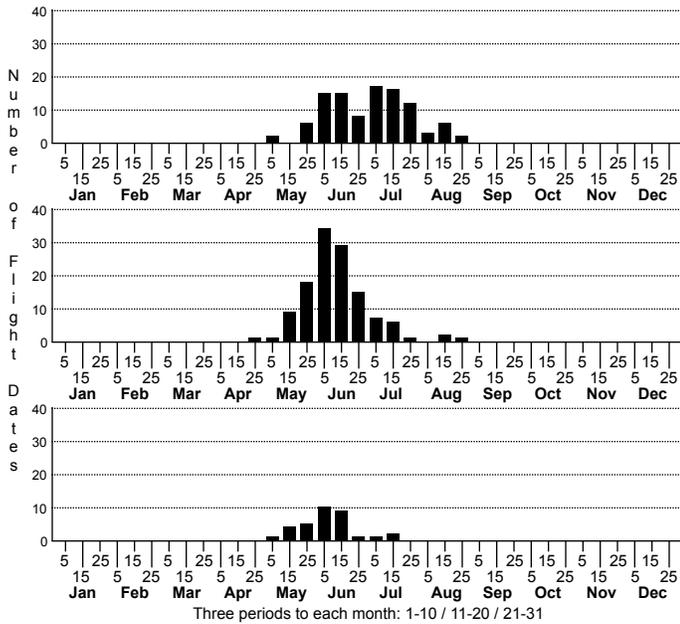


## *Enallagma traviatum* Slender Bluet



**DISTRIBUTION:** Throughout the mountains and Piedmont, and over the western half of the Coastal Plain, barely reaching the counties along the western part of Albemarle Sound.

**ABUNDANCE:** Fairly common, to very locally common, over the mountains and Piedmont; rare to uncommon (at least formerly) in the Coastal Plain, with but one recent report. More numerous in the mountains than downstate.

**FLIGHT:** Early or mid-May to late August in the mountains and Piedmont, but the Coastal Plain records extend only to mid-July (though should occur to the end of August).

**HABITAT:** A variety of lakes and ponds, typically with emergent vegetation.

**BEHAVIOR:** Males often perch on stubs or twigs low over the water, well out from shore. Thus, it is more readily visible -- in full sun -- than a number of other bluet species. Of course, females tend to stay close to shore in thick vegetation, as with other bluets.

**COMMENTS:** As with so many of our damselflies, there are few people looking for them in recent years in the upper half of the Coastal Plain; thus, it is no surprise that there is but a single recent flight date record from this large region. (Most odonate field work in the Coastal Plain occurs in the Sandhills and eastward to the southern half of the coast.)