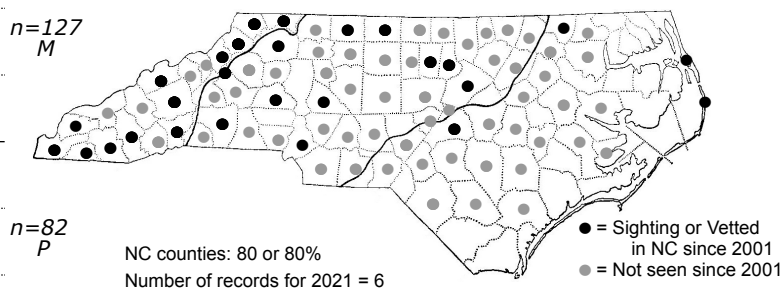
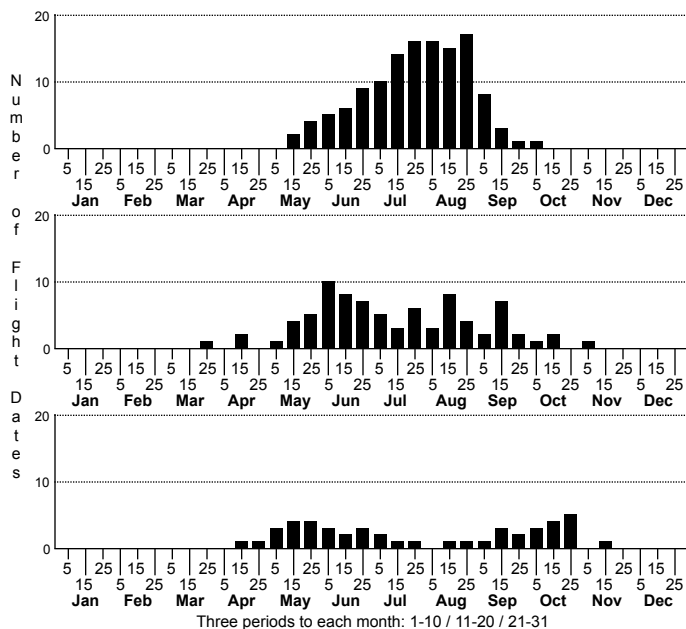


Lestes rectangularis Slender Spreadwing



High counts of:
20 - Watauga - 2018-09-03
15 - Buncombe - 2013-05-21
15 - Watauga - 2018-08-05

Earliest date: Davie 1975-03-28
Latest date: Pender 1992-11-18

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
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DISTRIBUTION: Nearly statewide, but practically absent close to the coast. This species ranges over most of the eastern United States.

ABUNDANCE: Fairly common to common, and widespread, in the mountains; generally uncommon to fairly common in the Piedmont; uncommon in the western and central Coastal Plain. Only two records for the counties north or south of Albemarle Sound (both in Dare County), and no records in most southern coastal counties. Clearly more numerous in the mountains than downstate, with our three highest single-day counts from this province.

FLIGHT: A long flight period, covering most of the odonate season. From late March to early November in the Piedmont, and mid-April to mid-November in the Coastal Plain. Surprisingly, the earliest record in the mountains isn't until mid-May, and it occurs to at least early October.

HABITAT: Marshy areas, typically around ponds or lakes, but also sometimes slow streams with emergent vegetation.

COMMENTS: This is one of the more numerous damselflies in the mountains, but it is widespread downstate. Its range in the lower Coastal Plain needs more elucidation, though it is certainly scarce close to tidal water.