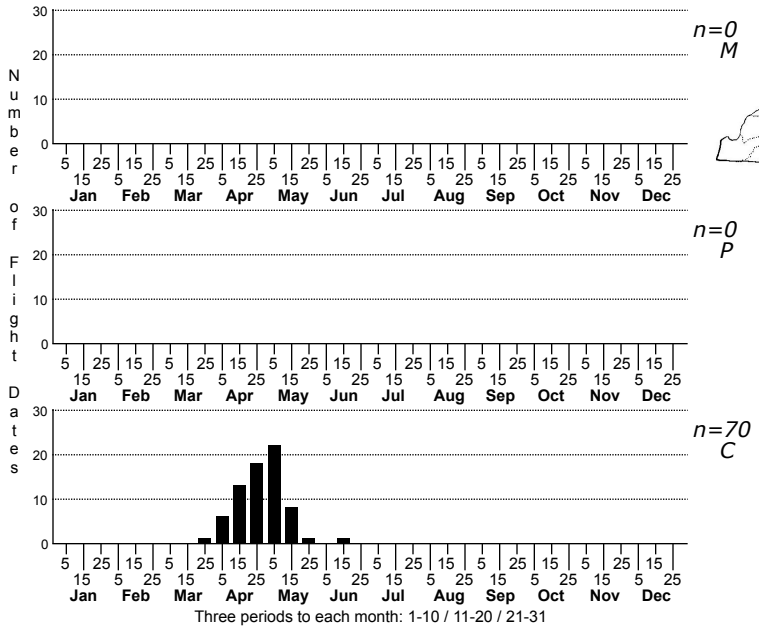
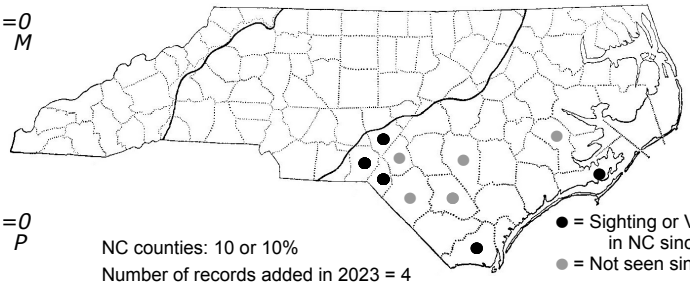
Enallagma davisi Sandhill Bluet





NC counties: 10 or 10%
Number of records added in 2023 = 4

High counts of:
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25 - Scotland - 2008-04-19
25 - Scotland - 2022-04-24

Earliest date: Scotland 2020-03-27
Latest date: Richmond; C 1969-06-13

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
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DISTRIBUTION: Primarily the Sandhills region, but sparingly east to the southeastern corner of the state. As NC lies at the northern end of the range, the current northern limits are Craven, Sampson, and Moore counties.

ABUNDANCE: Generally uncommon and local, eastward to Sampson and Bladen counties, and very rare east to Carteret County. Fairly common at a few favored locales in the Sandhills.

FLIGHT: A spring-season flight only, unusual for a bluet. The flight occurs from very late March to mid-June, but is mostly over by mid-May.

HABITAT: Sandy-bottomed lakes or large ponds, with emergent vegetation along the shore.

BEHAVIOR: Males are not at all shy, often perching conspicuously on stubs or other emergent vegetation in a pond or lake, often a bit out from the shore. Of course, they can occur with females in vegetation along a pond margin.

COMMENTS: Though there are many dragonflies with a flight period in the spring season only, there are few such "spring only" damselflies. As with the Cherry Bluet, the species does not seem quite scarce enough to be considered as a Watch List species by the N.C. Natural Heritage Program. Nonetheless, the State Rank is probably better at S3 than a less scarce S3S4 where it currently is ranked. Thankfully, we now have a few recent records away from the Sandhills, documented by photos, from as far east as Carteret County and southeast to Brunswick County. Surprisingly there are no records yet for Cumberland County, much of which lies in the Sandhills region.