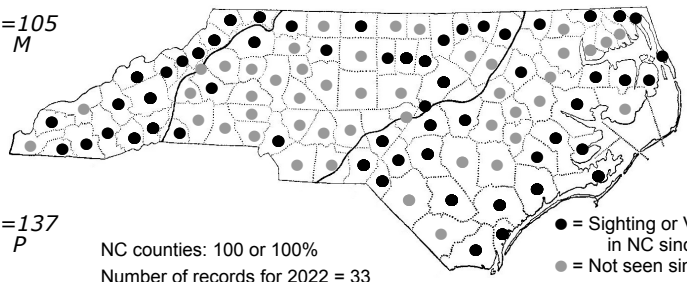
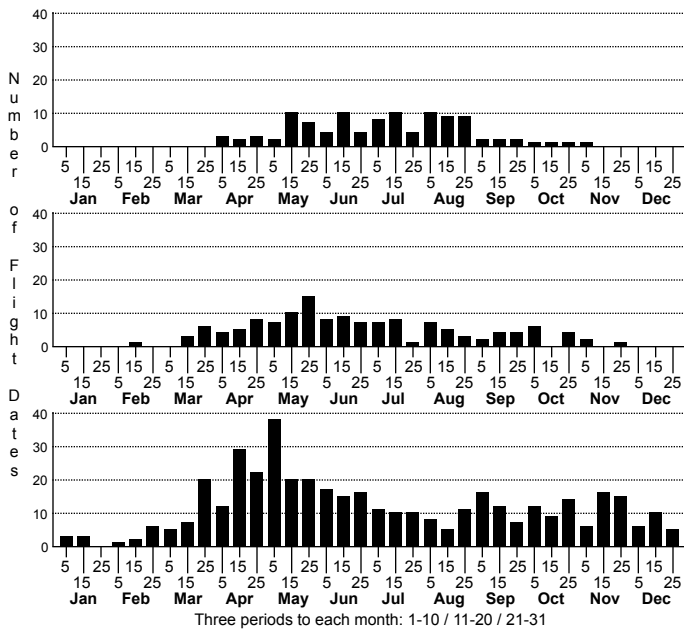


Ischnura hastata Citrine Forktail



NC counties: 100 or 100%
Number of records for 2022 = 33

● = Sighting or Vetted in NC since 2002
● = Not seen since 2002

High counts of:
1000 - Scotland - 2007-06-16
1000 - Scotland - 2007-06-24
600 - Carteret - 2021-04-12

Earliest date: Pender 2019-01-01
Latest date: Onslow 2015-12-30

| Status | | Rank | |
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| NC | US | NC | Global |
| - | - | S5 | G5 |

DISTRIBUTION: Statewide, found in all 100 counties.

ABUNDANCE: Very common to locally abundant in the Coastal Plain, and common westward. There are several counts of 1,000 individuals in a day, and others with over 100 individuals; most of these are in the Sandhills region of the Coastal Plain, but there are now several triple-digit counts for a coastal county (Carteret).

FLIGHT: A very long flight period. Primarily early March to mid-January in the Coastal Plain, but has been recorded in all months in the province. The Piedmont flight is from mid-March to late November, whereas in the mountains the flight is from early April to late October. There is also a record for mid-February in the Piedmont.

HABITAT: Lakes or ponds with much grassy vegetation around the margins; bogs, marshes. May also be found along slow-moving rivers.

BEHAVIOR: Perching low within vegetation, this tiny damselfly can be difficult to spot, though the bright colors of mature males and immature females are helpful. Typically flies in a slow, hovering manner keeping within vegetation. Both sexes and all ages often occur together.

COMMENTS: This is certainly one of the most abundant odonates (not just damselflies) in NC, from the coast to the mountains.