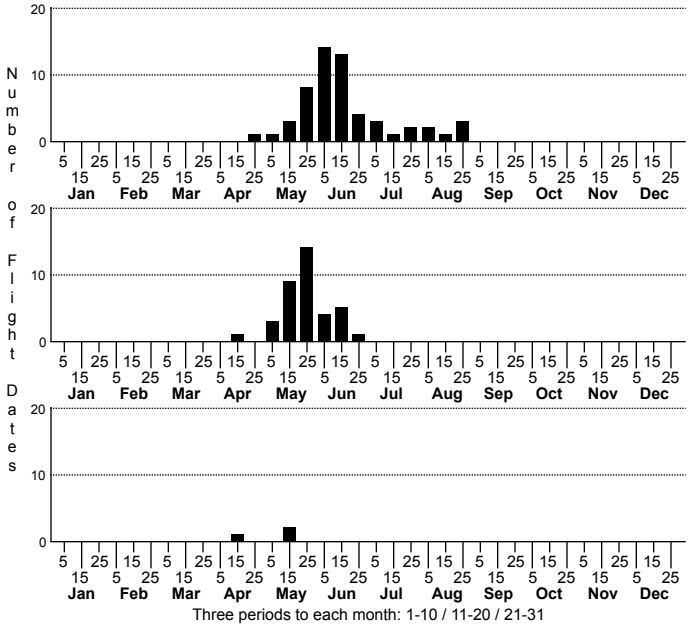
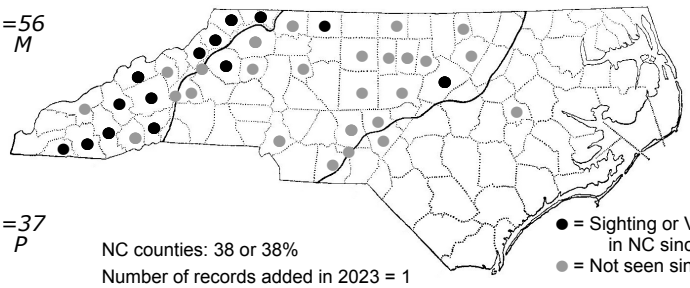
Amphiagrion saucium Eastern Red Damsel





NC counties: 38 or 38%
Number of records added in 2023 = 1

Incomplete date not graphed:
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High counts of:
50 - Wake - 2010-06-21
20 - Wake - 2010-05-30
20 - Madison - 2018-05-09

Earliest date: Wake 2017-04-14
Latest date: Madison 2020-08-25

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
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DISTRIBUTION: Throughout the mountains, and presumably over much or most of the Piedmont. Perhaps present in the western Sandhills, and an isolated record for the central Coastal Plain. The species is a somewhat Northern species, ranging south to central GA.

ABUNDANCE: Fairly common, to locally common, in the mountains. Seemingly rare in the western half of the Piedmont, and rare to very uncommon in the eastern half, though it can be locally numerous there. Very rare in the western Coastal Plain. Seems to be declining east of the mountains, as there are very few recent records in this large region.

FLIGHT: A flight that ends rather early in the season, by mid-summer. The mountain flight occurs between late April and late August. The Piedmont flight is from early May to late June, but it should occur into August; there is a record or two from mid-April. The very few Coastal Plain records are in a narrow window from mid-April to mid-May, but records should occur into July or August.

HABITAT: Small streams, seeps, bogs, or marshes, with thick vegetation.

BEHAVIOR: Perches on grasses and sedges, seldom on broad, flat leaves. Though a colorful species with the reddish abdomen, it is quite tiny and easy to overlook.

COMMENTS: The absence of county records for much of the central and southwestern Piedmont is odd, considering that there are daily counts in Wake County, at the eastern edge of the Piedmont, of 20 and 50 individuals. It is not a species that is difficult to identify; thus, this odd abundance pattern might be real.