

***Chromagrion conditum* (Hagen in Selys)**

**Aurora Damsel**

**30 May – 9 Jul**

**Uncommon**

**MALE: 32-39 mm (1.3-1.5 in.) FEMALE: 31-38  
(1.2-1.5)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Eyes: deep blue; no postocular spots. Face: pale blue. Thorax: blue w/ wide middorsal stripe black; yellow on lower sides. Abdomen: S3-7 dorsally black/laterally blue, S8-9 mostly blue w/ dorsal paired black dots. Stigmas: gray. Appendages: black. At rest wings may be slightly spread.

**FEMALE:** Blue may be replaced by yellow-green. Like male except abdomen entirely black (pale ventrally); ovipositor pale.

**Habitat:** Widespread but local, in swamps, spring-fed shady streams, small ponds especially where soil is mucky; mouths of spring-fed tributaries; rarely away from water. Perches near top of emergent vegetation w/ wings half-spread like a *Lestes*. Flight slow and brief.

**Reproduction:** Female oviposits in tandem into stems/leaves of aquatic plants just below surface.

**Notes:** Occasionally common but number fluctuates from year to year. Old name: Openwing Damsel, Variegated Damsel.

**Locations:** Gateway - SM, Kindler - P, Vantage Point – S

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