

Enallagma aspersum (Hagen)

Azure Bluet

10 May - 13 Oct

Common

MALE: 26.5-34 mm (1.1-1.3 in.) FEMALE: 28-34 (1.1-1.3)

Medium

MALE: Head: large triangular spots behind eyes joined by thin bar. Face: blue. Thorax: blue w/ wide middorsal/narrower shoulder stripes black. Abdomen: mostly black on top except S7-10 blue (but S7 anterior dorsally black). Wings: extend to blue part of S7. Appendages: cerci black, paraprocts black or brown.

FEMALE: Head: eye spots often smaller, often bordered w/ black; read edge appears serrated. Abdomen: S3-6 yellow/tan below, S7 mostly blue w/ middorsal narrow black stripe widening rearward; S8 has 2 blue spots, S8-10 black.

Habitat: Ponds, bog-margined lakes, marshes usually without fish. Perches horizontally or obliquely on foliage, only occasionally making low brief flights.

Reproduction: Male very aggressive toward other odonates. Female submerges while Male guards on surface.

Notes: Old name: Bog Bluet.

Locations: Alpha Ridge - M/P3-4, APL - BP, Centennial - L/VP, Cent HS, David Force, Elkhorn - FB, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr – MS, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Gateway – AE/RF/SM, Guilford Park, High Ridge, Hipsely Mill, Kindler - P, Long Corner - P, Manor Woods, Mayfield Woods - GG, Meadowbrook, MPEA - P3/P4, River Hill HS, River Hill SC, Schooley Mill, UMDCF - S, Warfield’s Pond, Wesley Lane, Western Regional, Woodstock.

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