

***Celithemis fasciata* Kirby**

Banded Pennant

8 Jun - 9 Sep

Uncommon

28-38 mm (1.1-1.5 in.)

Small

MALE: Eyes: dark. Face: brown. Body: dark blue. Thorax: deep blue. Abdomen: slender, tapering to end. Legs: black. Wings: clear w/ black bands (tip, middle, base); HW basal spot large w/ clear yellowish area in center. Stigmas: black; long. Appendages: black.

FEMALE: Thorax: yellowish w/ brown stripes. Abdomen: S2-5 yellowish beneath; S3-7 middorsal yellow triangular spots. Wings: tips often clear.

JUVENILE: Like female.

Habitat: Marshes, ponds, new borrow (gravel) pits. Feeds in treetops or high shrubs. Male is more active 10 a.m.-noon, spends much time perching on tips of emergent plants near shore. May roost overnight in pine trees.

Reproduction: Male is not territorial; waits for female near water. Male perched on weed tips. Female oviposits on emergent vegetation; alone from height of 6" or in tandem height 1'. One generation/year.

Notes: Form w/ minimum coloration (*monomelaena*; not Howard County) generally found northward.

Locations: Centennial, Elkhorn - L, Font Hill, Guilford - GV/Park, Hipsley Mill, MPEA – P4, Sewell's Orchard, Stevens - W, Warfield's Pond.

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