**Sympetrum ambiguum** (Rambur)  
**Common**  
31-38 mm (1.2-1.5 in.)  
**Medium**  
18 Aug - 13 Oct


**FEMALE:** Eyes: aqua-gray. Abdomen: broader, brown w/ diffuse black bands around S4-9.


**Habitat:** Temporary or permanent ponds (w/ fluctuating levels), intermittent streams.

**Reproduction:** Mate on ground or weed stems. Female oviposits alone while male guards; drop eggs on ground of dried ponds or in vegetation on land side of shore. Exuviae on grass/weeds 2-4" above ground, 1-2‘ from edge of water. Delayed egg development (diapause).

**Notes:** Old name: Blue-faced Meadowfly. May appear in spring, disappear, reappear in fall. Blue face pigment may change to lime-green in cool temps.

**Locations:** Alpha Ridge, Centennial - VP, David Force, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant - FP, Schooley Mill.

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