## Tramea lacerata Hagen

## 51-55 mm (2.0-2.2 in.)

**Black Saddlebags** 

2 May - 22 Oct

Medium

Common

**MALE:** Face: black. Thorax: black w/ thin coat of pale hair. Abdomen: spots darken, that on S7 persisting the longest. Legs: black. HWs: mostly black w/ iridescent irregular black band covering basal 1/4 of each. Appendages: black, cerci long.

FEMALE: Face: yellow-brown face. Abdomen: S3-7 middorsal large white or pale spots.

JUVENILE: Face: yellow. Abdomen: S3-7 middorsal white or pale spots.

Habitat: Widespread, hawking in open areas or near permanent ponds; often common at new sediment ponds; quiet waters; slow-moving streams. Migratory.

**Reproduction:** Male patrols large areas, often a whole pond. Female oviposits alone or in tandem until female ready to release eggs; then male releases female as she dips to water surface and washes off eggs; then female flies up and joins male; on algae mats as well as open water.

**Notes:** Coexisting resident and migrant populations. Old name: Black-mantled Glider.

Locations: Alpha Ridge - P3-4/TcP, APL - BP, Benson Branch, Big Branch, Brown's Bridge, Carmax, Cedar Lane, Centennial - L/S/VP, Coca Cola Drive, Deep Run, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - FB/L, Coca Cola Drive - ES, Emerson – GC, Farm Ponds, Folly Qtr - MS, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Fulton Schools, Gateway - AE/JM/RF/SM, Guilford - GV/Park, High Ridge, Hipsely Mill, Homespun, Hugg-Thomas, Jackson Pond, Kindler - P/OCP, Long Corner - P, Manor Woods, Mayfield Woods - GG/P, Meadowbrook, MPEA - MPR/P1/P3/P4, Milk Plant - FP/UP/Schools, Mission, Montpelier, Mount Pleasant, Murray Hill, Nichols Cove, Old Frederick, Pigtail, River Hill HS, River Hill HS, Rockburn, Savage Mill, Schooley Mill, Sewell's Orchard, Stanford, Starting Gate, Stevens - E, UMDCF - S, Vantage Point - S, VFW Pond, Warfield's Pond, Wesley Lane, West Friendship, Western Regional.

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