**Libellula axilena  Westwood**  
**Bar-winged Skimmer**  
30 May - 23 Aug

Uncommon  
48-62 mm (1.9-2.4 in.)  
Large

**MALE:**  

**FEMALE:**  
Eyes: red-brown. Abdomen: brown or lightly pruinose; S8 expanded laterally, usually brownish. Wings: some lack black basal streaks (only a tiny spot may be present mid-wing); some have smoky-brown color on tips.

**JUVENILE:**  
Similar to L. vibrans (Great Blue S.)  
Face: brownish. Thorax: yellow w/ brown triangular marking on the side basal of FW; lateral pale pattern resembles a cartoon wolf. Abdomen: middorsal/lateral brown stripes w/ yellow between.

**Habitat:**  
Temporary pools, marshy edges of ponds. More often in forested habitats than other Libellula.

**Reproduction:**  
Mate perched on weed or bush. Female oviposits alone while male guards.

**Similar Species:**  
Female L. axilena, L. incesta (Slaty S.), L. vibrans (Great Blue S.)

**Locations:**  

[Phenograms](pages 2 – 6).  
[Locations](in Howard County)

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