Celithemis elisa (Hagen)

Calico Pennant

10 May - 5 Oct

Common

29-34 mm (1.1-1.3 in.)

Small

MALE: Eyes: chestnut. Face: red. Thorax: velvety brown hair; reddish w/ black markings. Abdomen: jet black w/ cherry red triangles on top. FW: small brown spot midway between tip/nodus, another pale spot beyond nodus, and third spot at tip. HW: dappled w/ large brown/amber mark basal, another smaller spot beyond nodus, and third spot at apex. Stigmas: bright red. Appendages: rufous above.

FEMALE: Similar to Male but yellow instead of red.

JUVENILE: Like F.

Habitat: Weedy ponds w/ emergent grass, bulrush beds in fresh, shallow water. Forages from tips of weeds in open fields often far from water.

Reproduction: Male is not territorial; waits for female near water. Mate perched on weed tips. Female oviposit in tandem dropping eggs into water, usually over emergent vegetation; female may continue alone for 2 minutes more.

Notes: Old name: Elisa's Pennant, Elisa Skimmer.

Locations: Alpha Ridge, Centennial - L/VP, Dunteachin Farm, Elkhorn - L, Farm Ponds, Font Hill, Fox Chase, Fulton Schools, Gateway - AE/RF, Guilford - GV/Park, Henryton, Long Corner- P, Meadowbrook, Milk Plant - UP, Rockburn ES, Schooley Mill, Sewell's Orchard, Warfield's Pond, Western Regional.

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