**Anax junius** (Drury)  

**Common Green Darner**  

13 Mar - 11 Nov

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68-80 mm (2.7-3.2 in.)  


**Female:** Occiput: pair of blunt teeth. Abdomen: dull green. (Dunkle says gray-green sides). Slightly larger/chunkier than male.

**Juvenile:** Abdomen: light reddish-brown.

**Habitat:** Wide range of habitats; shallow heavily vegetated ponds/slow streams. Flies early a.m. to dark; often perches low among weeds and grass. A fierce predator; spends most of daylight hours on the wing. Migratory.

**Reproduction:** Male patrols irregular territories sporadically at ~3’. Mating pairs hang in tall weeds, bushes, or trees. Female oviposits alone or in tandem (only Darner ovipositing in tandem). Female usually places eggs below surface in submerged or floating plants; occasionally backs down a stem until submerged; sometimes oviposit in dry algae or mud above water level. Exuviae in swampy environment on vegetation not far above water. Resident and migrant populations. Larvae >50 days to develop.

**Locations:**  


*Phenograms* (pages 2 – 6).

*Locations* (in Howard County)

**Identification features and odonate anatomy**