

***Somatochlora tenebrosa* (Say)**

**Clamp-tipped Emerald**

**29 Jul - 13 Oct**

**Uncommon**

**48-64 mm (1.9-2.5 in.)**

**Medium**

**MALE:** Eyes: rich emerald. Thorax: hairy brown (green luster) w/ 2 lateral dull yellow stripes. Abdomen: long, slender, black; S2-3 lateral yellow spots. Legs: black (paler femora). Stigmas: dark brown. Appendages: clamp-shaped; cerci sharply arched, paraprocts smoothly curved up.

**FEMALE:** Larger than M, similar color. Ovipositor: slender triangular spout.

**Habitat:** Open areas near streams, prefers shade. Crepuscular: early morning and late evening. Adults often feed at edge of fields/along road cuts at dusk 3-15'. above ground. Forage along shaded roads or openings in evergreen canopy.

**Reproduction:** Male patrols in shade, sometimes in grass or brush at 2-3', hovering frequently. Female oviposits alone, dipping abdomen into shallow water or in mud near shoreline.

**Similar Species:** *S. provocans* (Treetop E.; not in Howard County)

**Locations:** Centennial - L, Kindler, Old Frederick, Wesley Lane.

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