Perithemis tenera  (Say)  

Eastern Amberwing  

13 May - 8 Oct

Common  

20-24 mm (0.8-1.0 in.)  

Tiny


FEMALE: Thorax/Abdomen: like male (but abdomen has middorsal yellow markings). Wings: brown spots w/ wings clear (heterochromatic) or rarely amber (homeochromatic).

Habitat: Still waters of deeper ponds and slow parts of streams and rivers. Perches on tips of weeds or twigs; mimics wasps. Prefers sunshine. Reproduction: Male patrols territory 10-20’ diameter around protruding object. Complex courtship. Mate while perching. F oviposits alone onto floating debris or among emergent vegetation, while Male guards (infrequently in tandem). Exuviae on stumps/piers 15-30” up. Larvae needs >26 days to develop.


Phenograms (pages 2 – 6).  

Locations (in Howard County)  

Identification features and odonate anatomy