**Ischnura posita posita** (Hagen)  

**Fragile Forktail**  

3 Apr - 7 Nov  

**Abundant**  

**Male:** Occiput: greenish postocular spots. Face: yellow or yellow-green. Thorax: green markings, black front w/ 2 interrupted pale stripes like a pair of upside-down exclamation marks. Abdomen: greenish-yellow; no blue; each seg has a narrow basal yellow ring; S9 dark. Stigmas: brown. Appendages: pale.  

**Female:** Young: blue markings. Older: covered w/ blue-purple pruinosity, including frontal thoracic stripes. Abdomen: S9 like M. Stigmas: like M.  

**Juvenile:** Female marked w/ brown for about 2 days, then marked w/ blue, including pair of dots on top of head/sides of thorax.  

**Habitat:** Various aquatic habitats, still or slowly moving waters, partially shaded areas w/ thick vegetation. Tolerant of low oxygen levels.  

**Reproduction:** Female oviposits alone in plant stems from water to 4” above it.  

**Notes:** Often perches in partial shade of trees or emergent plants. Frequently found w/ *Ischnura verticalis* (Eastern F.). Flies sluggishly through shoreline vegetation, low to the water.  

**Similar Species**  

Female *I. hastata* (Citrine F.) is similar but its shoulders are olive-green to brown, not black; Citrine F. does not become pruinose nor is it ever marked w/ blue. Sprites have S10 blue.  


Milk Plant - FP/Schools, Murray Hill, Old Frederick, Plum Tree, PRSP, River Hill HS, Rockburn, Savage Park, Schooley Mill, Scott’s Cove, Sewell’s Orchard, Stevens - E/W, Trinity, Vantage Point - S, VFW Pond, Warfield’s Pond, Wesley Lane, Western Regional, Wilde Lake, Wincopin, Woodstock.  

**Phenograms** (pages 2 – 6).  

**Locations** (in Howard County)  

**Identification features and odonate anatomy**