Libellula semifasciata  Burmeister  

Painted Skimmer  

29 Apr - 28 Aug

**Common**  
36-48 mm (1.4-1.9 in.)  
Medium

**MALE:** Eyes: richly chestnut. Face: orange-red. Thorax/Abdomen: golden-brown (ochre) w/ hint of olive on sides; S7-10 black concave markings on top. Legs: brown. Wings: gold/brown; wash of pale pumpkin w/ black streak basal, darker brown spot at nodus, brownish at tip covering area of stigma. Stigmas: reddish. Appendages: black.

**FEMALE:** Similar to male but usually paler. Abdomen: S8 w/ flange.

**JUVENILE:** Face: gray. Stigmas: yellow.

**Habitat:** Grassy seepage areas and ponds. Ponds and marshes in forested areas and upland areas far from water. Wary.

**Reproduction:** Male is territorial and perches conspicuously, patrolling wide areas. Mating in flight. Female oviposits in grassy shallows, taps into water while Male guards. Notes: Common in spring; rare/local in marsh-like ditches or bogs in summer/early fall. Population peaks in mid-May. Migratory.


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