**Argia moesta  (Hagen)**

**Common**

MALE: 37-42 mm (1.5-1.7 in.)  
FEMALE: 38-42.5 (1.5-1.7)

**Medium**

**MALE:**  
Body: North America’s only mostly white damselfly. Head/Thorax: brown w/ whitish pruinosity.  
Abdomen: dark w/ pale rings; S9-10 whitish pruinosity.  
Stigmas: light brown.  
Appendages: very short.

**FEMALE:**  
Color forms: Blue: Thorax: black shoulder stripes usually reduced to a thin line.  
Abdomen: pale brown or bluish.  
Ovipositor: tan.  
Brown: Abdomen: brown w/ tan rings; sides of seg 9 tan.

**JUVENILE:**  
Thorax: tan w/ wide black middorsal stripe/wide, usually forked, black shoulder stripe.  
Abdomen: black/smoky brown.

**Habitat:**  
Extensive sunlit sections of large rivers/swift streams; gravel bars in full sun.  
Lakes.  
Rocky shores of lentic waters.  
Perches horizontally on ground, rocks, or sticks, frequently flying over open water.  
Fairly tolerant of polluted waters.

**Reproduction:**  
Mate for 15-30 minutes.  
Female oviposits in tandem on algae-covered rocks or wood; female turns dark.  
Pair or female may descend under water 3-6” for up to an hour; Male may rise to surface sooner and guard female.  
Exuviae on stones or logs well above water level.

**Similar Species:**  
Female like *A. apicalis* except mesostigmal plates.

**Locations:**  
Avalon, Cattail, Centennial - L, Daniels, Henryton, Kittamaqundi, Marriottsville, Old Frederick, Savage Park, Woodstock.

**Phenograms** (pages 2 – 6).  
**Locations** (in Howard County)  
**Identification features and odonate anatomy**