

Argia moesta* (Hagen)*Powdered Dancer****30 May - 26 Sep****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.

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