Nehalennia irene  (Hagen)  

**Sedge Sprite**

**9 Aug [one record]**

Very local

**MALE:** 24-29 mm (1.0-1.1 in.) **FEMALE:** 25-29.5 (1.0-1.2)  
Small

**MALE:**  
- Head: top black.  
- Eyes: blue.  
- Face: green.  
- Thorax: metallic green, sides aqua.  
- Abdomen: very slender to S7; dorsally metallic green w/light rings; S8 posterior quarter blue, S9-10 blue w/paired large dark spots.  
- Appendages: cerci dark, paraprocts blue.

**FEMALE:**  
- Abdomen: S8-9 usually dark metallic green (infrequently like male) S10 w/dark dorsal spots; ovipositor yellowish.

**Habitat:** Still marshy or boggy areas w/emergent vegetation. Avoid open water

**Reproduction:** Female oviposit in tandem into floating bits of dead plant material; female horizontal, male at 45°.

**Locations:** Gateway - SM.

**Phenograms** (pages 2 – 6).  
**Locations** (in Howard County)

**Identification features and odonate anatomy**