**Pantala hymenaea**  (Say)  **Spot-winged Glider**  

**Common**  

**MALE:** Face: red. Thorax: gray, covered with tawny/white hairs; sides sometimes have brown bands. Abdomen: tapers to tip; mostly gray-brown/reddish with middorsal black arrowhead spots larger on S8-10. HW: large brown spot at anal angle (difficult to see in flight). Appendages: pale.

**FEMALE:** Similar to male but face yellow to orange.

**JUVENILE:** Face: yellow to orange. Abdomen: mottled gray-brown.

**Habitat:** Open areas; ponds/pools. Feeds from dawn to dusk, often fast/erratic 2-5 m above ground. Unwary when perched but seldom perches, then vertically on twigs. Reproduction: Male patrols larger/more linear territories than *P. flavescens*. Female oviposits alone or in tandem by tapping abdomen to water in slow hovering flight or fast, strafing runs. Breeds in temporary ponds/pools in open. Larvae need >28 days to develop.

**Notes:** Migratory. Old name: Spot-winged Globetrotter.

**Similar Species:** *P. flavescens* (Wandering G.) is more golden and does not have HW spot. Less hovering than *P. flavescens*. Old female may become reddish (lighter red than *P. flavescens*). Mixed swarms of *Pantala* are common.


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