

Didymops transversa* Say*Stream Cruiser****26 Mar - 13 Jun****Common****51-60 mm (2.0-2.4 in.)****Medium**

MALE: Eyes: glassy green. Face: yellow. Thorax: brown, hairy, single lateral yellow stripe. Abdomen: dull brown, clubbed; S2-8 middorsal yellow spots. Legs: brown; long. Wings: clear w/ small brown basal mark. Stigmas: brown. Appendages: cerci bright yellow, paraprocts tawny.

FEMALE: Similar to Male but eyes take longer to change to green.

JUVENILE: Eyes: brown.

Habitat: Rivers and sandy forest streams. Usually flies along edges of river 1-2' above surface. Perches just above the ground. Slower reaches of rivers, stream edges, lakes. Forages low over roads/powerlines. Flies in and out of vegetation.

Reproduction: Male patrols edges of open ponds about 1.5' above water; long regular beat. Mate while hanging on weeds, bushes, or low branches. Female oviposits alone into streams, flying low over water surface w/ abdomen slightly raised and touch water. Larvae are sprawlers. Exuviae on boulders or tree trunks >6', sometimes 30' from water.

Notes: Old name: Belted Skimmer. Limited spring flight period (peaking in May).

Locations: Elkhorn, Kindler - D, Long Corner - P, Vollmerhausen - IB.

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