**Epiaeschna heros** (Fabricius)  
**Swamp Darner**  
11 May - 29 Nov

**Common**  
82-91 mm (3.2-3.6 in.)

**Similar Species:**
- *Nasiaeschna pentacantha* (Cyrano D.) is smaller w/ irregularly-shaped stripes on the sides of the thorax/green marking (not rings) on the abdomen.

**Reproduction:**
- Male does not hold territory or patrol over water. Female oviposits alone in wet wood, logs, mud, stems up to 6’ above water in fishless marshes/swamps. Exuviae in swampy environments on vegetation not far above water.

**Notes:**

**Habitat:**
- Widespread over rivers and open areas; shady ponds and forested swamps; slow streams. Feeds from 3’ above ground to treetops; perches by hanging vertically from high tree branches. Migratory. Forages late afternoon, early evening/dusk.

**Locations:**

**Phenograms** (pages 2 – 6).

**Locations** (in Howard County)

**Identification features and odonate anatomy**