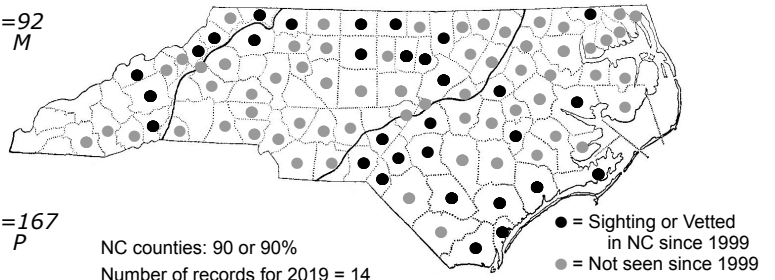
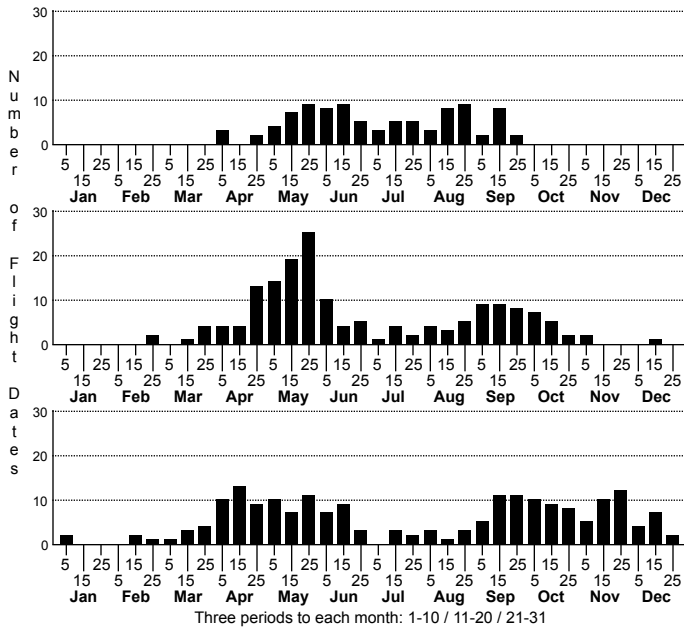


Lestes australis Southern Spreadwing



High counts of:
 31 - New Hanover - 2016-12-18
 25 - Buncombe - 2012-05-16
 23 - New Hanover - 2016-11-19

Earliest date: Onslow 2017-01-03
 Latest date: Onslow 2015-12-25

| Status | | Rank | |
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Other Name: Common Spreadwing, Northern Spreadwing

DISTRIBUTION: Essentially statewide, even to the coast (where many odonates are rare or absent). No records yet from several counties at the southwestern tip of the state, but probably present in all 100 counties.

ABUNDANCE: Fairly common to often common in the mountains and Piedmont, except scarce (rare?) in the extreme southwestern counties. Fairly common and widespread in most of the Coastal Plain.

FLIGHT: A remarkably wide flight period, even into early winter. In the Coastal Plain and Piedmont, from early March to mid-December (rarely near the coast into January). There is even a late February record for the Piedmont. In the mountains, the flight occurs between late April and late September.

HABITAT: Generally around ponds or small lakes, with much vegetation around their margins, including marshes.

COMMENTS: Until recently, this was considered as a subspecies of the Common Spreadwing; however, that species was split into two species -- Southern Spreadwing and Northern Spreadwing (not in North Carolina). Mark Shields has provided a number of early winter records for the species at a few coastal ponds.