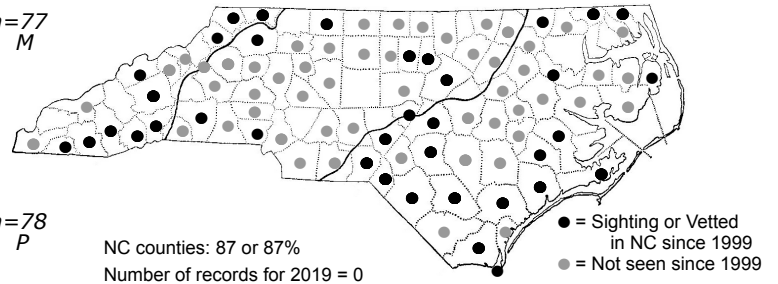
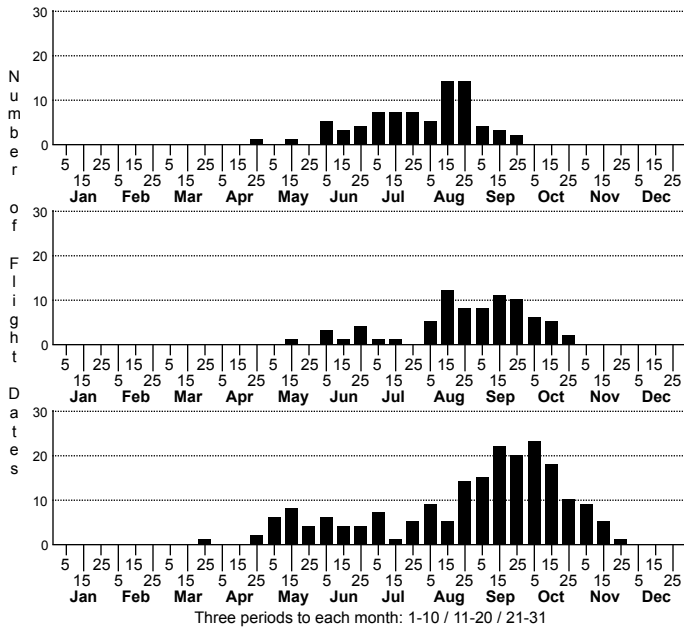


Lestes vigilax Swamp Spreadwing



High counts of:
120 - Carteret - 2016-05-25
50 - Buncombe - 2011-08-21
45 - Scotland - 2017-10-07

Earliest date: Carteret 2016-03-29
Latest date: Carteret 1990-11-21

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
-	-	S5	G5

DISTRIBUTION: Statewide, being recorded from over 85 counties, with "absences" in scattered counties across the state. Presumed to occur in all 100 counties, unless absent along the immediate northeastern coast.

ABUNDANCE: Fairly common to common in the mountains, and locally very common in parts of the Coastal Plain. Oddly, appears to be less numerous (i.e., uncommon) in the intervening Piedmont, as there are barely more records there than in the mountains, which has a much smaller geographic range and many fewer observers than in the Piedmont. There are single-party counts of at least 20 individuals in each of the three provinces; one count surpasses 100 individuals in the lower Coastal Plain.

FLIGHT: A wide flight period, extending to late autumn. In the Coastal Plain, it occurs from late April to late November. Piedmont records fall between mid-May and late October; mountain records fall between mid-May and late September. There is a very early state date of 29 March for the lower Coastal Plain.

HABITAT: Ponds and lakes in somewhat wooded country, especially where shrubs grow in the water; or where marshy vegetation grows along the margins of such waters.

COMMENTS: This is another reasonably common spreadwing across the state, with large numbers of records in all three provinces. Mark Shields has added many dozens of records in the past several years from the southern coastal area.