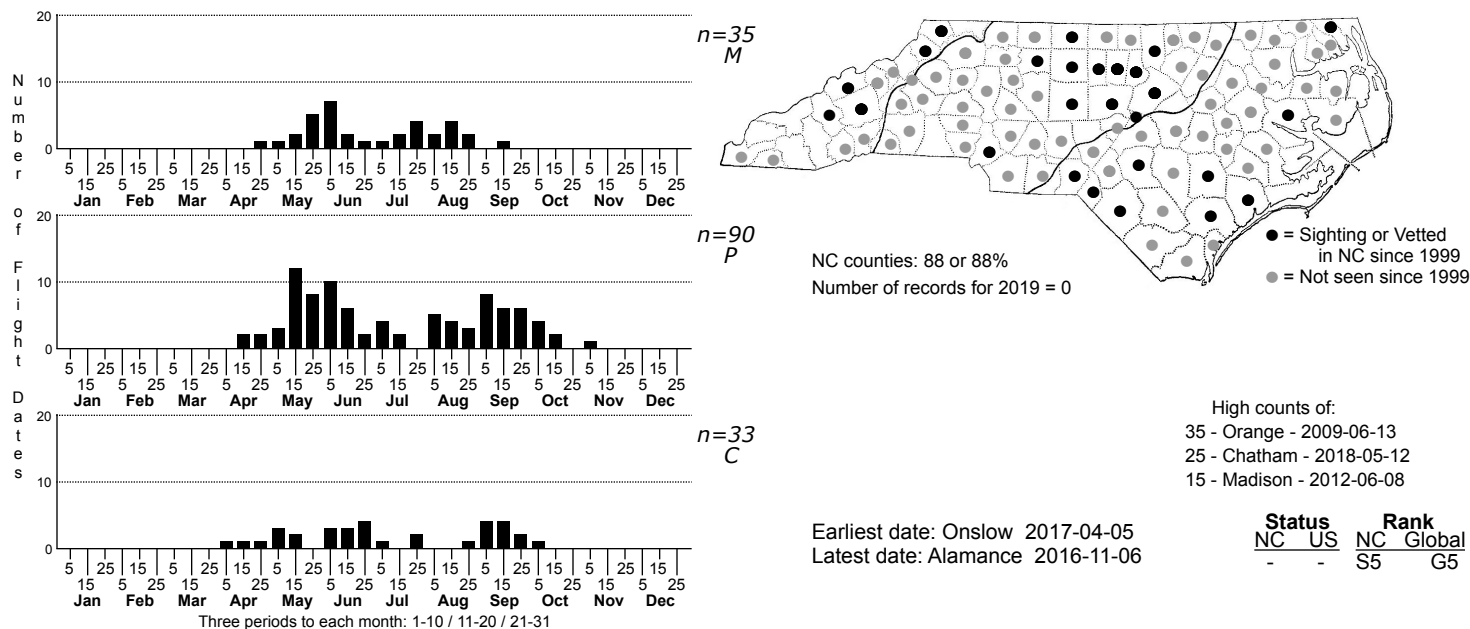


Enallagma basidens Double-striped Bluet



DISTRIBUTION: Essentially statewide. Though absent from a handful of mountain and far eastern Coastal Plain counties, it likely occurs in essentially all 100 counties.

ABUNDANCE: Fairly common in the mountains and Piedmont, but mostly uncommon in the Coastal Plain, and rare near the coast.

FLIGHT: The flight starts in April in all provinces, being a bit earlier in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont (early or mid-April) than in the mountains (late April). The long flight continues to mid-October (rarely to early November) in the Piedmont, at least to early October in the Coastal Plain, and to mid-September in the mountains.

HABITAT: Ponds and small lakes, as well as slow-moving streams, usually where there is emergent vegetation.

COMMENTS: As with so many of our damselflies, the number of recent records with flight dates is far fewer than what would be expected from the large number of county records historically -- implying little effort at studying damselflies by more recent biologists. Though the species occurs perhaps in all 100 counties, it is not overly common anywhere, with just two single-day tallies of over 15 individuals.