

## *Archilestes grandis* Great Spreadwing

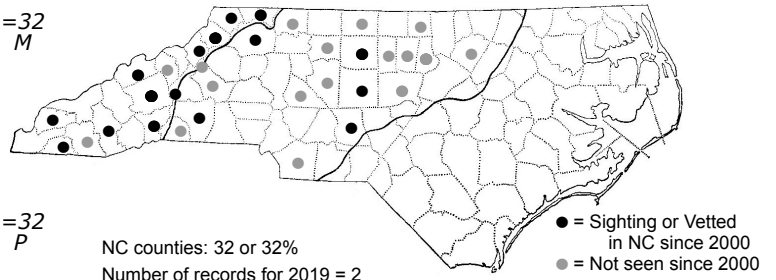
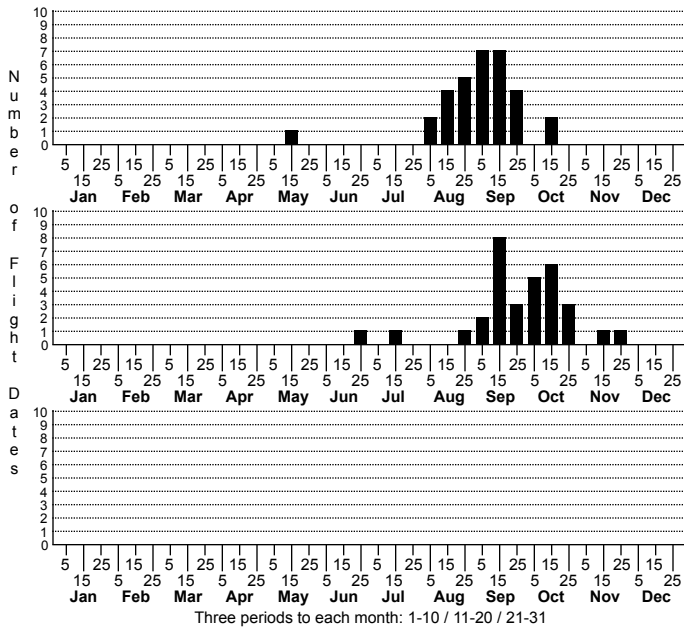


Photo (vetted) in 2019: Clay

High counts of:  
12 - Madison - 2016-10-14  
4 - Forsyth - 1977-09-18  
3 - Henderson - 2011-05-12

Earliest date: Henderson 2011-05-12  
Latest date: Durham 1979-11-24

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
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**DISTRIBUTION:** Apparently throughout the mountains and Piedmont; and seemingly absent from the Coastal Plain. The range appears to stop at the Fall Line.

**ABUNDANCE:** Uncommon in the mountains; generally rare in the western and central Piedmont (with few recent records), and very rare along the eastern edge of the range (Fall Line vicinity).

**FLIGHT:** In the mountains, generally from early August to late September, and in the Piedmont mainly from late June to late November. A report from mid-May is perhaps in error.

**HABITAT:** Along slow streams, but sometimes in rather degraded places.

**BEHAVIOR:** It can often be seen well away from streams, such as around ponds or in fields/forest edges.

**COMMENTS:** This is a very large damselfly, larger than other spreadwings. The range seems a bit spotty in the mountains and Piedmont, though the species is assumed to occur throughout these regions, and there are a number of recent records. Only in the past few years have records been made for the central and eastern Piedmont counties; however, the well-worked Triangle area (Orange, Durham, and Wake counties) has not had records in several decades.