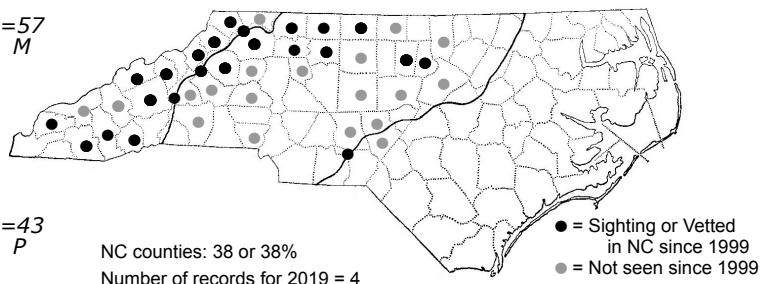
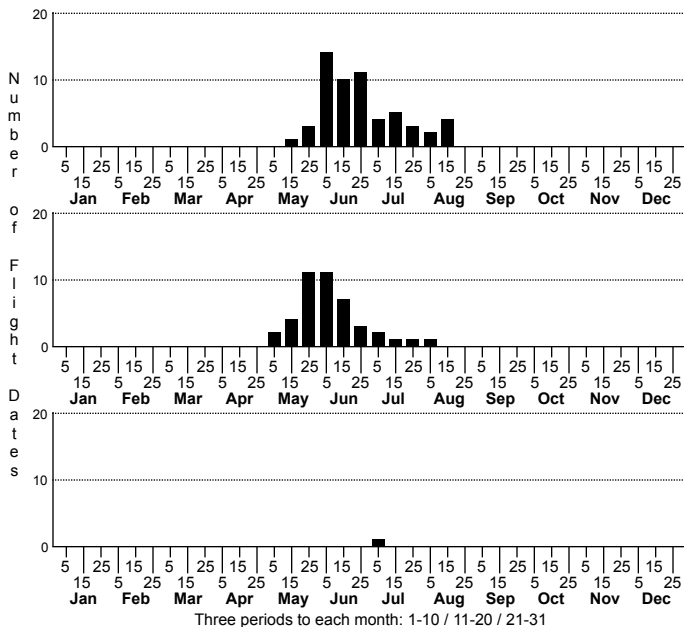


*Stylogomphus albistylus* Eastern Least Clubtail



High counts of:  
5 - Wilkes; P - 2007-07-19  
5 - Orange - 1966-05-29  
5 - Orange - 2011-05-30

Status	Rank	
	NC	US
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Earliest date: Richmond; P 2002-05-09  
Latest date: Yancey 1997-08-17

Other Name: Least Clubtail

**DISTRIBUTION:** Mountains and Piedmont only. Essentially throughout the mountains, but more widely scattered across the Piedmont, eastward to Granville, Wake, and Moore counties.

**ABUNDANCE:** Uncommon in the mountains, and rare to uncommon in the Piedmont, being least numerous in the central and eastern portions of the latter province. Despite the moderate number of records, the peak one-day count is just of 5 individuals. However, this quite small species is easily overlooked in its shady habitat.

**FLIGHT:** Early-mid May to early August in the Piedmont, and from mid-May to mid-August in the mountains.

**HABITAT:** Small, clear, woodland creeks are preferred; sandy or gravel bottoms.

**BEHAVIOR:** Males often perch on rocks in the streams, where they are difficult to spot because of their small size and dark coloration. They also perch on vegetation near the water and make small, quick flights over water.

**COMMENTS:** This species might be more overlooked and hard to spot rather than being truly "scarce". Despite its range, including the Triangle and eastern Piedmont where most biologists study odonates, there are essentially no reports from State Park personnel. This is not a species one would casually stumble into while in the field; rather, one should look carefully along small shaded or semi-shaded creeks in June or the first half of July.