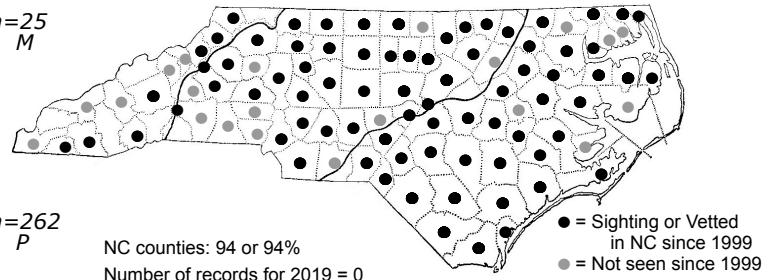
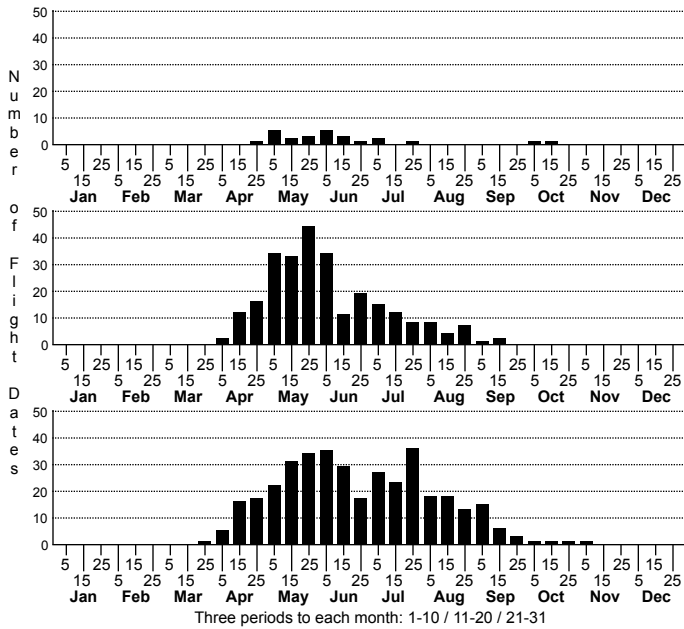


Epiaeschna heros Swamp Darner



High counts of:
100 - Camden - 2017-06-23
50 - Northampton - 2012-05-17
45 - Durham - 2015-05-29

Earliest date: Moore; C 2012-03-27
Latest date: Carteret 2004-11-08

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
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DISTRIBUTION: Statewide, though distribution in the mountains is spotty (but likely occurs in all 100 counties of NC).

ABUNDANCE: Common to often very common in the Coastal Plain, and fairly common to common in the Piedmont; rare to uncommon in the mountains.

FLIGHT: The flight is from the end of March or early April into early November in the Coastal Plain. In the Piedmont the flight begins a bit later, by mid-April, and likely ends around mid-October, but oddly we have no records after September! The mountain flight occurs from late April to mid-October.

HABITAT: Swamps, bottomlands, rivers, and large streams; not numerous around forested lakes or ponds.

BEHAVIOR: Often seen cruising along forested roads and other clearings near woodlands and swamps, such as along roads through bottomlands and swamps. Flight is often head-height to treetop level. Frequently perches, usually at head-height or above, hanging downward from a twig.

COMMENTS: If a large dragonfly is seen flying over a road through a forested wetland, it is most likely this species. Several can often be seen in the same general area, though it normally doesn't form swarms. It can often be the most commonly seen species on a summer or early fall day, especially in the Coastal Plain.