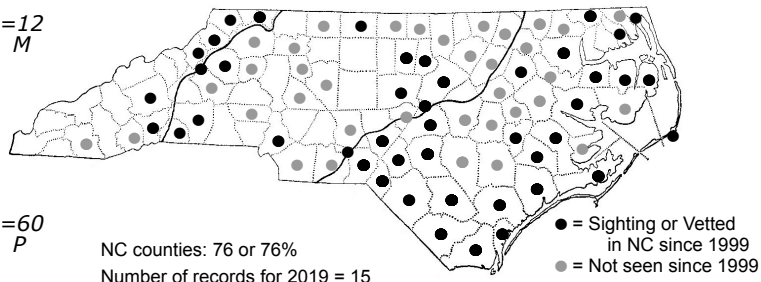
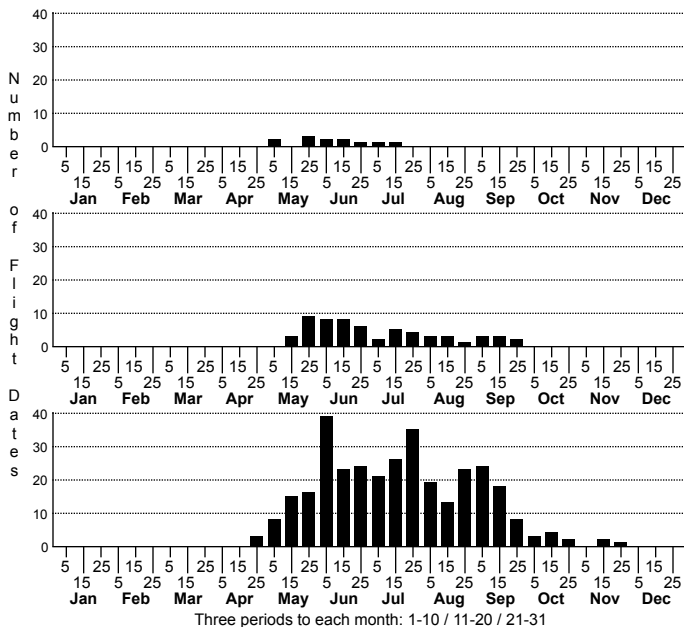


Libellula auripennis Golden-winged Skimmer



NC counties: 76 or 76%
 Number of records for 2019 = 15
 Sight (not vetted) in 2019: Richmond; P
 Photo (vetted) in 2019: Currituck

High counts of:
 325 - Onslow - 2019-05-27
 75 - Scotland - 2003-07-29
 55 - Onslow - 2016-06-12

Earliest date: Onslow 2019-04-23
 Latest date: New Hanover 2017-11-25

Status		Rank	
NC	US	NC	Global
-	-	S5	G5

DISTRIBUTION: Nearly statewide, though seemingly absent in the higher elevations in the mountains, and of spotty occurrence in the mountains and the western two-thirds of the Piedmont.

ABUNDANCE: Common in the Coastal Plain; uncommon to fairly common along the eastern edge of the Piedmont, but mostly uncommon in the Piedmont. Rare in the lower mountains.

FLIGHT: The flight is from mid-May (and very late April in the Coastal Plain) to early October, sparingly into November, downstate. The mountain flight records are too few to suggest that the flight truly ends by mid-July; it ought to extend into September.

HABITAT: Ponds, lakes, marshes, ditches -- typically in open/sunny places.

BEHAVIOR: Males perch conspicuously on perches such as twigs around a pond or lake shore and make patrols over the water. They are quite wary at the water. Adults frequently forage in fields, powerline clearings, savannas, and other open or semi-open areas well away from water.

COMMENTS: Males are one of more beautiful dragonflies, with their scarlet-orange abdomen and wing veins. However, care must be taken to identify adult males, and especially females and immatures, from the closely related Needham's Skimmer, which is limited to brackish waters, though both species can occur in the same areas (up to a few miles from tidal water).