



PRIMARY



Adult male

Size

28–32 mm,

1.1–1.3 in

Georgia Status

Rare below the Fall Line.

JAN

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Sandhill Bluet (*Enallagma davisii*)

Identification Males resemble many bluets, with overall blue coloration and black dorsal and shoulder stripes on the thorax. The abdomen is mostly blue with black rings except s7 is black and s8–9 are blue, with a consistent and unique black square or diamond on the side of s8. Females are also similar to many typical bluets and occur in both blue and brown forms. Thoracic pattern is similar to the male, and the abdomen is mostly black dorsally except for s8. s8 has two bands of color that wrap around the sides of the segment from below. These bands are variable, from barely reaching the sides to almost meeting at the dorsum of s8. Both sexes of this species are hairy on the thorax, often noticeable in the field.

Similar species Males are similar in pattern and size to many bluets, but none of the others have the black pattern on the side of s8. Female is also similar to many other female bluets with color on s8, but differs in that the colored parts of s8 include the side but not always the dorsum. Female Skimming and Purple Bluets also have coloring on s8, but only on the dorsal surface. Other bluets are not as hairy.

Habitat Shallow sandy-bottomed ponds or lakes with emergent vegetation, sometimes also a short distance downstream of the dam or spillway. Only known from three counties in Georgia—Taylor, Richmond, and Telfair—but should be present in the right habitat in others in mapped area.



Blue
adult female



Green
adult female



Brown
adult female

Behavior Males are found around pond edges on vegetation, often in quite cold or windy conditions during the early flight season. Around the pond in upland areas the species is often segregated with adult males nearest the pond, then a mix of adult males and immature males up to 200 meters (220 yards) away, and then females of all ages up to 300 meters (330 yards) away.