



Adult male

Size

47–50 mm,

1.9–2.0 in

Georgia Status

Uncommon in northern Georgia, rare farther south almost to the Fall Line.

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Sable Clubtail (*Gomphus (Gomphurus) rogersi*)

Identification Male is a very dark slender clubtail. Thorax is primarily gray-green with split middorsal, two shoulder (sometimes combined), and two very thin black lateral stripes. Anterior stripe broken and mostly absent. Eyes are blue-green, face has two black crosslines. Wings narrow. Abdomen mostly black except gray-green laterally on s1–3. Usually a few thin pale marks on dorsum of s1–5, becoming spots toward rear, and either all-black or only thin yellow lateral margins on slender club. Females have green to gray-green thorax with same pattern as male. Abdomen thicker than male with thin greenish-yellow dorsal stripes through s7. s1–4 have yellow lateral marks, s5–7 have small yellow lateral spots. Female club has large yellow spots laterally, black dorsally on s8–9. All immatures very yellow.

Similar species Rare Cherokee Clubtail similar, but male has more color on abdomen and all ages and sexes have two usually complete lateral thoracic stripes and only one black crossline on face. Female like other yellow-green clubtails but has differing thoracic pattern.

Habitat Small clear rocky streams with sand or gravel bottoms.

Behavior Males typically perch low to water on leaves or rocks facing water, and are unwary. When disturbed they often fly up into trees to perch on leaves.



Adult female



Immature female