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Size

28–35 mm,
1.1–1.4 in

Georgia Status

Uncommon along the immediate coast.



Adult female

Seaside Dragonlet (*Erythrodiplax berenice*)

Identification Males and some older females are all black, with clear, unmarked wings and purple or reddish eyes. Typical females and immature males are mostly orange, with a complicated pattern of thin black lateral stripes on the thorax, black ventrolateral markings on s3–7, and s8–10 black with pale cerci. Immature females of malelike form have black thorax and abdomen as just described. Some females also have a large brown spot in each wing. All females have an obvious ventral ovipositor on s9, visible in the field.

Similar species No similar species are found in the same habitat. Double-ringed Pennant male very similar but also has small black basal spot in hind wings. Female and immature male Blue Dasher also have striped thorax, but have white face and different abdominal pattern. Male Elfyn Skimmer is smaller, paler, and has white face. Immature male Elfyn is dark like Seaside but has white face and more clubbed abdomen.

Habitat Salt or brackish marshes and wet grassy areas.

Behavior Both sexes perch low in vegetation, although mature males sometimes perch more conspicuously in open areas of marsh or grass.

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Adult male



Immature malelike female