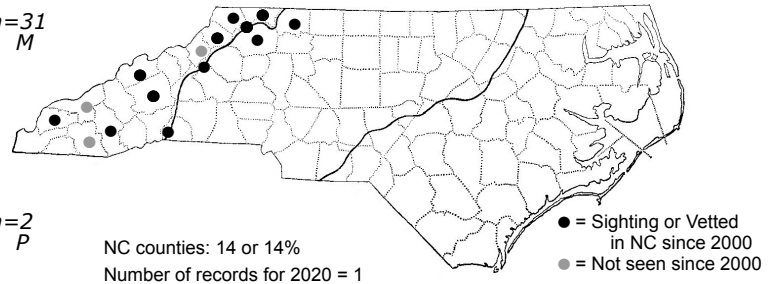
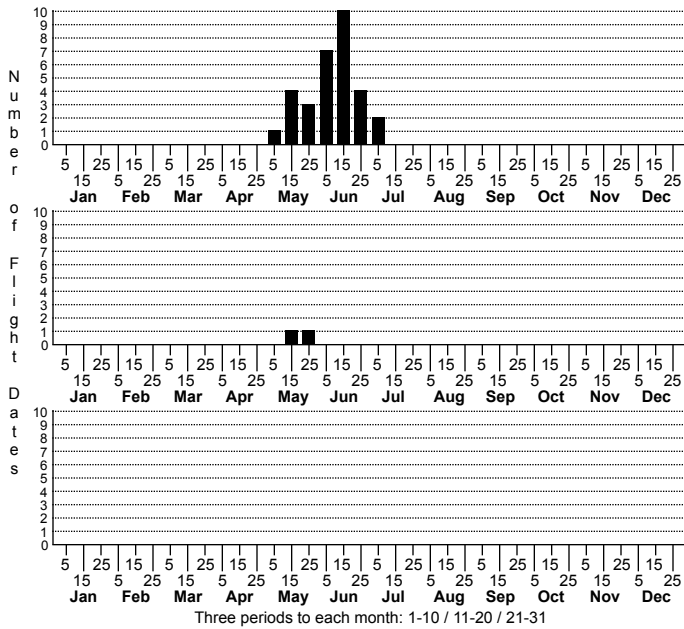


Stenogomphurus rogersi Sable Clubtail



High counts of:
 5 - Watauga - 2007-06-11
 5 - Macon - 1982-07-07
 5 - Jackson - 2018-06-26

Earliest date: Madison 2019-05-09
 Latest date: Macon 1982-07-07

Status	Rank	
	NC	US
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Synonym: *Gomphus rogersi*

DISTRIBUTION: Mountains only (and apparently into the immediate foothills), throughout the province, as it is a Northern species yet does range into northern GA and AL.

ABUNDANCE: Uncommon, but somewhat widespread in the mountains, with records for two-thirds of the counties in the province. Very rare to rare in the Piedmont foothills close to the Blue Ridge Escarpment.

FLIGHT: A mid-spring to early summer flier; recent occurrences from 9 May to the end of June. Interestingly, older collection dates fall from 17 June to 7 July. Thus, perhaps owing to global warming, the species is flying earlier in recent decades. The overall flight in the state is mid-May to early July.

HABITAT: Breeds at small and clear, woodland streams, with sand or gravel bottoms.

BEHAVIOR: Males perch on vegetation or rocks, seldom on the ground, near streams. They often perch in shady places and can be hard to see.

COMMENTS: This species is called "secretive" by Dunkle (2000). Records for this clubtail have, thankfully, been increasing in the past few years, presumably owing to more thorough coverage by biologists in the state. Several new counties (Surry, Burke, and Jackson) were documented in 2018, each with photographs. Even so, the NC Natural Heritage Program has placed the species on the Watch List, at least until more surveys of montane areas have been done for all odonates. There seem to be enough county records, and total records, to recommend a move of the State Rank from S2S3 to S3.