

SEEN THIS DRAGONFLY?

It is called Ringed Boghaunter (*Williamsonia lintneri*).
It is exceedingly rare and has never been found in Vermont.
But it may be somewhere in the state.
Here are tips for finding it:

FLIES EARLY IN THE SEASON

This is among the first dragonflies of the year. Expect to find it flying only from late April until mid May.

LIKES BOGS

Bogs and grassy fens are its preferred habitat. But it has also been found in other kinds of wetlands.

A TINY DRAGONFLY

This dragonfly measures about half the length of your pinky. It is shorter than a wooden matchstick. Here is its actual size:



FIELD MARKS

The most distinctive and reliable markings are the yellow-orange rings circling the abdominal segments. Note that other small dragonflies can have yellow spots or similar markings on the abdomen. Look for the rings!

HABITS

Ringed Boghaunter likes to land on flat, pale surfaces – along a twig, on a leaf, or on the ground. It also likes to land on people wearing pale clothing.

IF YOU FIND IT

Please take a photograph. Even a mediocre digital photo can help. And note your exact location and date.

Report sightings to:

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Top Image: Male in a typical posture along a stick on or near the ground. © Michael Blust

Bottom Image: Female (with a stouter abdomen) on a gravel road. © Bryan Pfeiffer