



# Blue-Faced Meadowhawk

*Sympetrum ambiguum*

FAMILY: SKIMMER

## ABOUT

The Blue-Faced Meadowhawk live at vernal pools deep in the forest. These pools dry up in late summer, which means there are no fish to eat the dragonfly larvae. The adults are most often seen on low perches around vernal pools in the fall.

They are more common in Northern Delaware but are found throughout the state. Their numbers vary from year to year. Sometimes they are quite common and other years hard to find. This probably depends on when the vernal pools fill with water because not many eggs can hatch when there is low rainfall.

## LEARN MORE

<https://tinyurl.com/BFmeadowhawk>

- Percher
- People com to Delaware to see this dragonfly -- more common here than elsewhere
- Breeds in dry vernal pools in the fall and the eggs wait for spring rains to hatch

## MALES VS FEMALES

Considered to be our most beautiful dragonfly, the tiny red males have beautiful sky-blue faces. Females are a dark reddish brown.

## LAYING EGGS

They lay their eggs in the fall in the dry pools. The eggs lie dormant until spring rains fill the pools which causes the dragonfly larvae hatch.

## WHAT DO THEY EAT?

Blue-faced meadowhawk dragonflies eat a wide variety of insects, including flies, mosquitoes, moths, and other dragonflies