

The Blue-Faced Meadowhawk would be an excellent pick for Delaware's state dragonfly for several reasons. They are more common in Delaware than elsewhere, they are a beautiful dragonfly. It's scarcity makes it truly one-of-a-kind.

First and foremost, the Blue-Faced Meadowhawk dragonflies live in vernal pools deep in the forest, or wetlands. Although they are more common in the northern region of Delaware they are also seen throughout the state; these dragonflies are more common in Delaware than elsewhere. That's one of the many factors that make Delaware unique; having something beautiful like this dragonfly makes Delaware stand out compared with other states. People who are interested in insects and have a hobby of photographing them visit Delaware to see them. Those people are not the only ones interested in this insect anyone can be! Which, is why they should be named Delaware's dragonfly! Now, if you want to see this dragonfly you may ask: When is this dragonfly most common to see? They are more commonly found in the months September through October. The best time to observe them is on sunny days when they are the most active! If you want to have a glimpse of this dragonfly you should look to plan a trip in the fall to get a glimpse at this insect.

Secondly, the Blue-Faced Meadowhawk is considered one of the most beautiful dragonfly species! I mean by the looks of them the males are small, bright red and black. While, the females are tan and black. Both the males and females have light blue faces, the body of the dragonfly is gray. Their length be to 4 cm. We should have the Blue-Faced Meadowhawk as Delaware's dragonfly because our state is associated with the color blue and this species is blue faced working out perfectly. Some may ask: What do the Blue-Faced Meadowhawks eat? The adults eat flies, mosquitoes, small moths, mayflies, and small beetles. The larva eat small aquatic

insects, tadpoles, small fish, aquatic larva, and zooplankton. These Dragonflies are active hunters, and considered carnivores; they are part of the skimmers family.

Finally, the Blue- Faced Meadowhawk is a rare and unique species. These dragonflies have their preferences as to where they live as and because they are great at camouflage, it might be challenging to spot them. Depending on the months and time people go to find these dragonflies like someone going out in the middle of March to see them it would be less likely. Now, Delaware is the first state. Our state bird being the Blue Hen, and the state bug is the Ladybug. Why don't we add the Blue-Faced Meadowhawk as Delaware's state dragonfly? This species is found in Delaware more than other states, is beautiful and unique, and it is rare.

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