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Anax longipes, Alias Comet Darner

This impressive dragonfly has established a breeding population in a pond on our property. The previous range is much further East and South, plus a small population in Albany County and one in Central Pennsylvania. There are a few sight records in Tompkins County dating back to the 70s.

We are studying this species and its dispersal habits. So far this summer we have found evidence of over 60 that have emerged from our pond. The mystery is where they go from here.

Their MO is to be in flight patrolling a pond in the mid-morning and late afternoon. Optimum time for viewing is around 4PM. They prefer sunny days.

Pictured is a mature male. His size and bright red abdomen makes him easy to observe, so dispersal can be tracked with little effort.

Thanks for helping!!!

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