

# Have you seen the Giant Lacewing?

## Giant Lacewing populations may be declining across Canada

A national status report on the Giant Lacewing (*Polystoechotes punctatus*) is being prepared for the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).

Email your photos and observations to Vincent Berezki at [v.berezki@yahoo.ca](mailto:v.berezki@yahoo.ca)

(Copies of these images along with the date and precise location)



We are looking for observations, specimens, photographs and information from naturalist groups, fishing enthusiasts, entomologists and citizens.

**Do you like to take photos with your phone? Send us your lacewing photos!**

The Giant Lacewing is coming to artificial lights in remote areas from **mid-July through to the end of September!** It's still present in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada and may still persist in northern Ontario and southern Quebec. It inhabits open areas, damp road-sides, bogs, swamps, flooded areas, and other freshwater habitats. Two other similar but un-related large insects, the Eastern Dobsonfly (*Corydalus cornutus*) and the Summer Fishfly (*Chauliodes pectinicornis*), with which the lacewing might be confused, are shown below.

The lacewing is 35 – 75mm in length.



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Yes



No Dobsonfly



No Summer Fishfly

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