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187 Sioux Snaketail *Ophiogomphus smithi* TL 45–48, HW 26–29

Description Very restricted snaketail of sandy streams. *Male*: Eyes rather pale blue, face unmarked green. Green thorax with narrow T1–2, T1 incomplete above. T3 not evident above spiracle, T4 narrow but complete. Legs black and tan striped. Abdomen with typical dark brown dorsolateral stripes enclosing yellow dorsal markings, latter candles and then acute triangles extending most of length of segment S3–9, oval spot on S10. Large, irregular whitish spots on

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Sioux Snaketail male—Jackson Co., WI, June 2007

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Sioux Snaketail female—Jackson Co., WI, June 2007

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sides of S7–9, only partially bordered on flange by brown. *Female*: Colored as male but eyes duller, blue-gray. Tiny black-tipped spine projects upward from either end of occiput.

Identification Differs from **Rusty Snaketail** in better-defined abdominal pattern, with yellow triangles above and more conspicuous thoracic stripes. Abdominal pattern less vivid (but with yellow dorsal markings almost continuous) and thoracic stripes less conspicuous than all other snaketails that might overlap with it (**Boreal**, **Extra-striped**, **Pygmy**, **Riffle**, **St. Croix**), most of them barely if at all. These other snaketails very likely lacking from sandy streams inhabited by this species.

Natural History Males perch on open sand and low vegetation along streams. Females and immatures mostly in sunny clearings nearby, in vegetation up to chest height.

Habitat Small to medium-sized sand-bottomed streams in largely wooded landscape.

Flight Season IA Jun–Jul, WI May–Jun.