HALLOWEEN PENNANT DRAGONFLY (*Celithemis eponina*)

**The Halloween pennant dragonfly** is a striking dragonfly found across the eastern United States. The Halloween pennant gets its name from its amber colored wings marked with large, dark bands and its perching behavior. Adults often sit on the tips of vegetation, swaying in the wind like small pennants.

Halloween pennants are active during the summer months and live near bodies of water, like ponds, marshes, and lakes. Males of this species are not territorial. Adults are incredibly strong flyers, and can be spotted flying during rain and strong wind. Like most dragonflies, they feed upon smaller insects like mosquitoes.

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