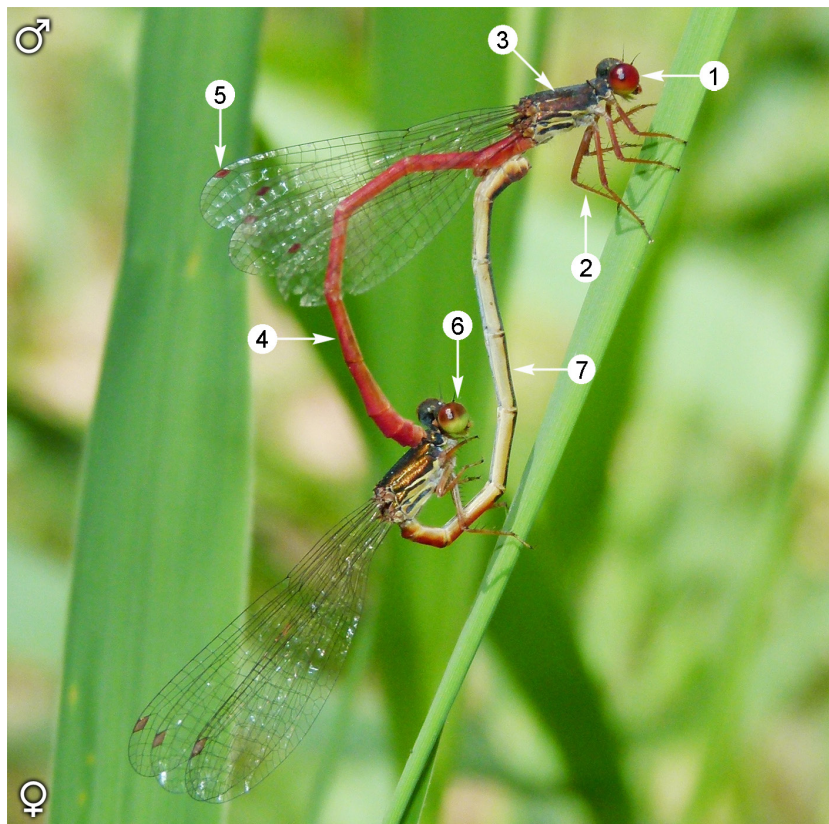




Ceriagrion tenellum



Length: From 25 to 35 mm. Hindwing span: From 15 to 21 mm.

Male: 1. Red eyes. 2. Red legs. 3. Black thorax that can also have some light bronze shades. Yellow stretches with back lines at the bottom of the sides. 4. Abdomen is red with no markings. 5. Pterostigma is red. **Female:** 6. Their eyes are red at the top and yellowish at the bottom. 7. Normally, the abdomen is black at the top, from S3 to S9, while the lower part is lighter. Some of them have completely red or black abdomen.



HABITAT

They live in slow and stagnant water bodies which are shallow and have plenty of shore and emergent plants, such as low-flow rivers and streams and springs.

WAY OF LIFE

They are difficult to be spotted as they fly little and spend a lot of time resting on rushes and other plants close to the riverbanks. They rest in a horizontal position with their wings closed over the abdomen, and they fly away when they think they are in danger.

WHEN TO SEE THIS SPECIES

This species can be seen from April to September in Málaga, and above all in August.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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WHERE TO SEE THIS SPECIES

They are one of the least common damselflies in the province, as we are only familiar with one colony in Almargen. It has not been seen along the Great Málaga Path, but it might live in certain places in the Arco Calizo Central, from stage 12 to 19.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Thanks to their red colour, they can be only mixed up with *Pyrrhosoma nymphula*.

CONSERVATION STATUS

The species is not endangered nor is it particularly protected by the current environmental law.