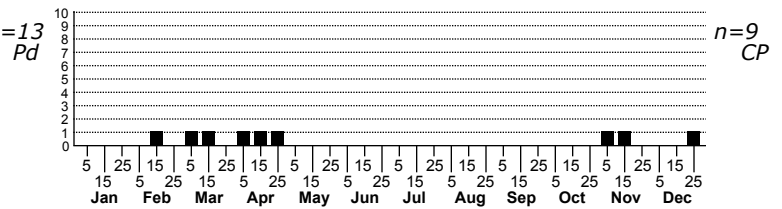
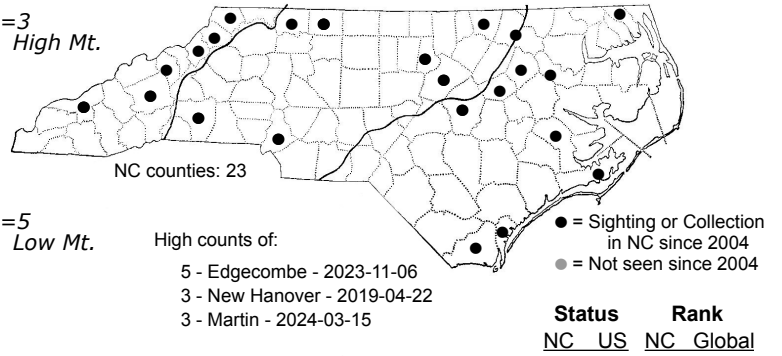
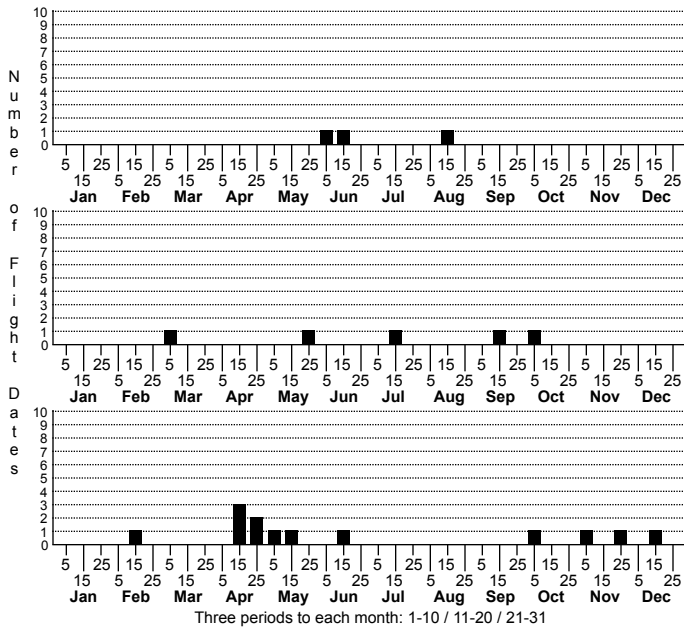


Philodromus rufus a running crab spider



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae
 FAMILY:Philodromidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: Of the four subspecies recognized for *P. rufus*, three may be found in eastern states, where they tend to be allopatric, although *P.r. jenningsi* has been found in the lower elevations of the NC Smokey Mountains, near where *P.r. vibrans* has been found at higher elevations.

FLD_GUIDE_DESCRIPTIONS: Similar to thomisid spiders, but usually less colorful. Contrary to thomisid legs, philodromid legs II are longer than legs I.

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Generally Holarctic, but not common in the deep southeast, although *P.r.jenningsi* has been found in northern Georgia, and locations in central and northern Mississippi.

HABITAT: Many habitats: broad leaf and coniferous forests, old field, forest openings, understory vegetation, and grasses.