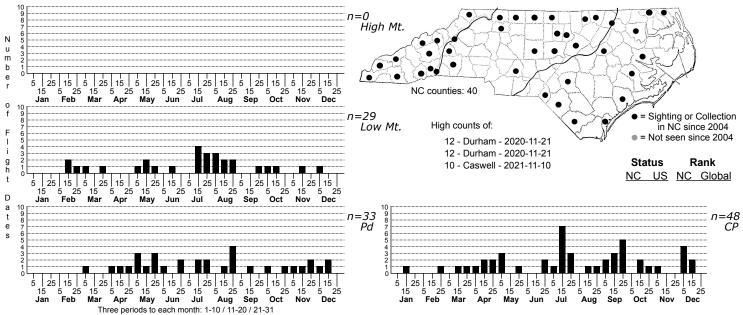
Dolomedes tenebrosus Dark fishing spider



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae FAMILY:Pisauridae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: Originally described as D. tenebrosus Hentz, 1844, despite some early reassignments, it has remained retained its original name for nearly a century at this writing.

FLD_GUIDE_DESCRIPTIONS: Often confused with lycosid--or "wolf"--spiders, pisaurid posterior eyes are arranged in a recurved row, and their legs are typically proportionally much longer.

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Nova Scotia west to Manitoba; S. to TX and E. to the FL panhandle. Widespread in NC.

HABITAT: forest near streams; on tree trunks, rocks; often found in houses (seemingly especially in sinks and bathtubs, which act as pitfall traps for them).