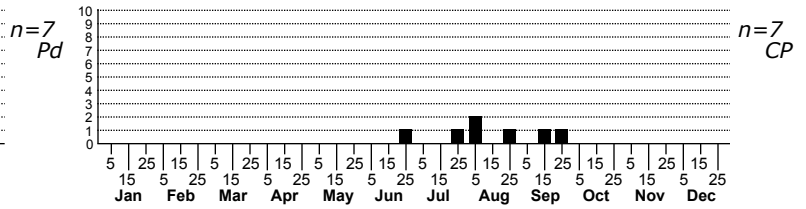
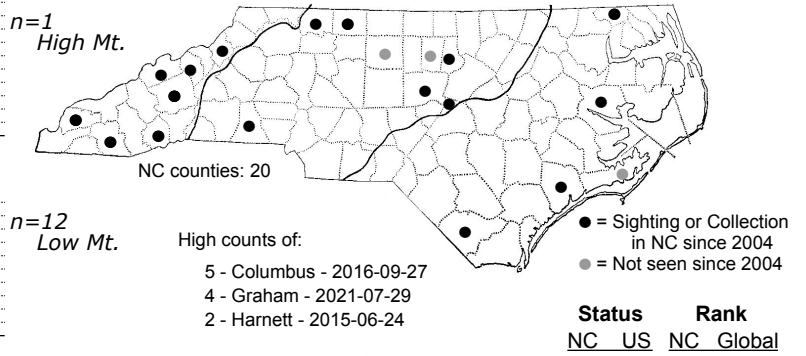
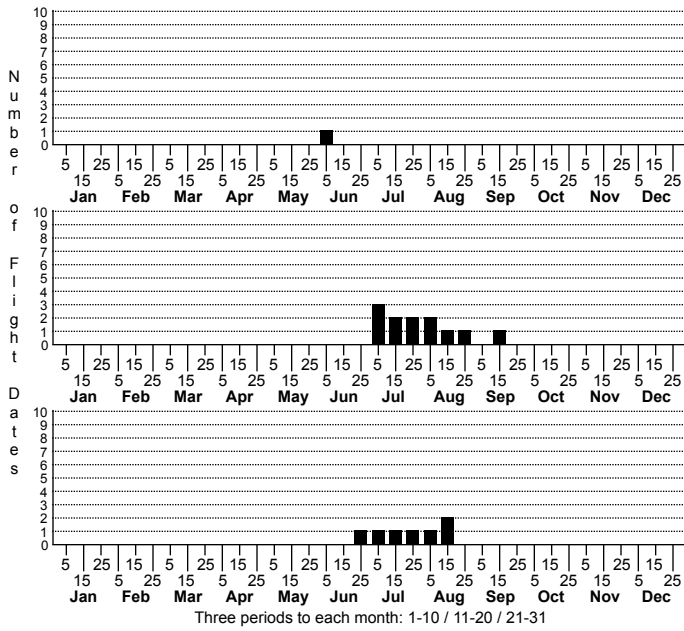


Araneus bicentarius lichenmarked orbweaver



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae
 FAMILY:Araneidae

DISTRIBUTION COMMENTS: Overwinters as a subadult and matures early for such a large spider. In the coastal plain matures by April or May, in the mountains early June or July. Usually any extremely large web encountered at this time of year in the forests of the Carolinas is this species, because the golden silk and marbled orbweavers are active as adults in the fall.

HABITAT: forest openings

OBSERVATION METHODS: When not in web they may be encountered on lichen covered trees or green vegetation. Shaking the web or telegraph line can sometimes draw the female out.