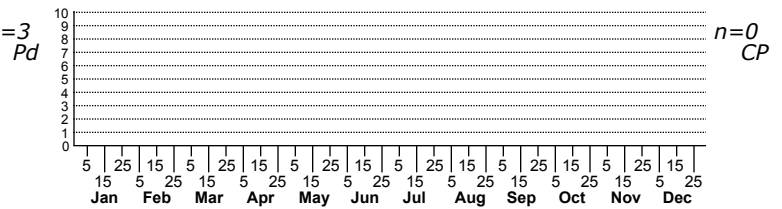
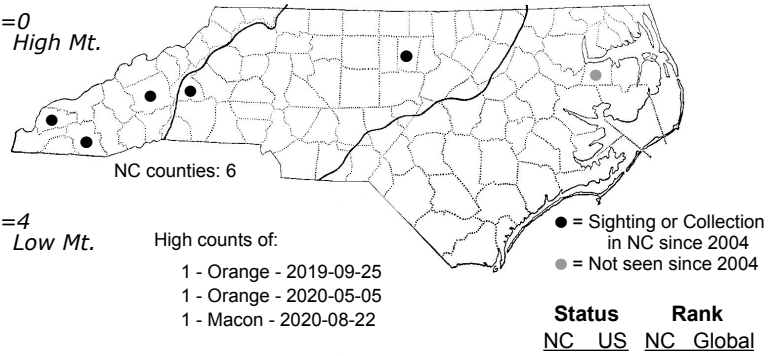
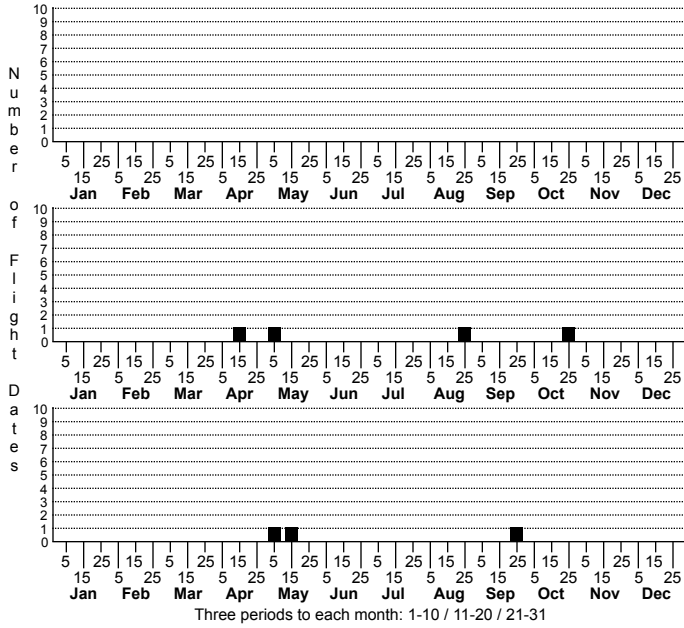


Trachelas tranquillus a cusped spider



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae
 FAMILY:Trachelidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: Originally described as Clubiona tranquilla by Hentz in 1847, it was officially placed in the Clubionidae in 1867, where it remained until it officially became a corinnid in 1967. When the genus was revised in 1974, it reverted to being a clubionid until it was moved again to the Corinnidae in 1995. Most recently, the corinnid subfamily, Trachelinae, was raised to family rank in 2014, though further work suggests that the genus may belong in the Gnaphosoidea. Watch this space!

FLD_GUIDE_DESCRIPTIONS: The tan/grey abdomen and dark red cephalothorax of this spider lend an appearance similar to that of Dysdera crocata (q.v.), but the latter have notably large, forward-projecting chelicerae. Furthermore Trachelas is often found in a silken retreat on foliage, while Dysdera is usually found in duff, where it feeds on isopods.