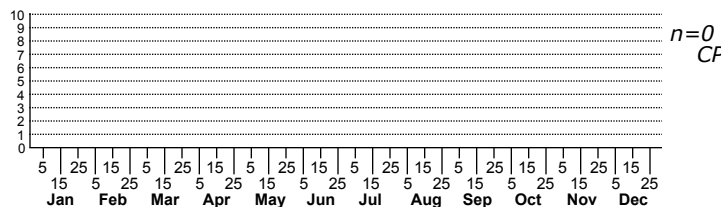
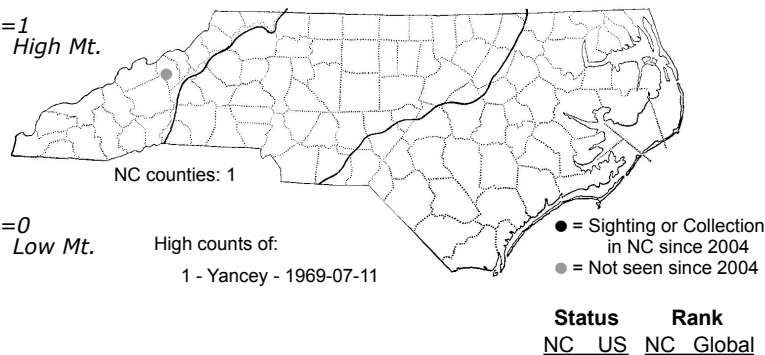
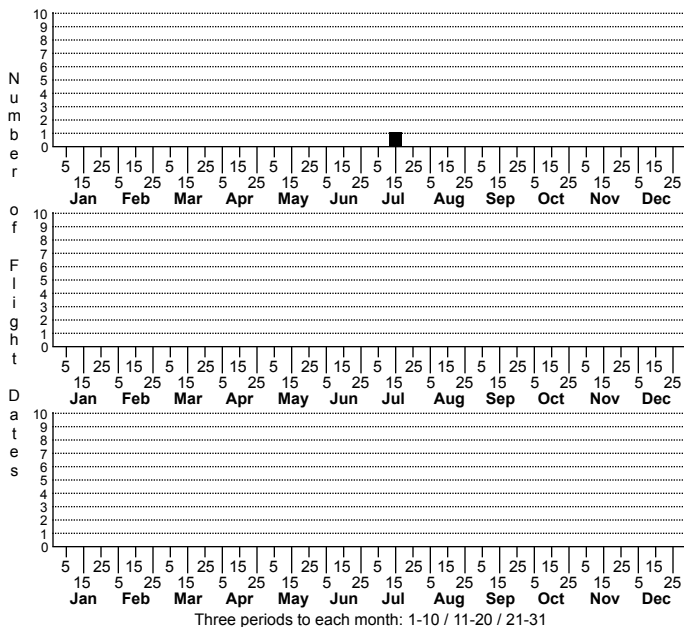


Opilio parietinus No common name



ORDER:OPILIONES SUBORDER:Eupnoi
SUPERFAMILY:Phalangoidea FAMILY:Phalangiidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: The sole representative of this genus in North America, where it was introduced from Europe (see Cokendolpher and Holmberg, 2018)

ONLINE_PHOTOS: BugGuide

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Why this species has been found only at the summit of Mt. Mitchell in North Carolina rather than the disturbed areas around cities where it routinely occurs elsewhere is unexplained.

HABITAT: Our one record for this species comes from the Spruce-Fir zone at the top of Mt. Mitchell. However, it is associated with a wide variety of disturbed habitats in Europe, including

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Hillyard and Sankey (1989) report that this species can be found on walls, fences, buildings, and tree trunks.

NHP_RANKS: [GNR] [SNA]

STATE_PROTECTION: Arachnids are not protected under state law, although permits are needed to collect them in State Parks and other public and private nature preserves. This species is introduced and is not in need of any conservation efforts. It seems unlikely to displace any of our native harvestmen, most of which live in mesic forests rather than open or disturbed habitats.

STATUS_COMMENTS: Exotic, originating in Asia Minor (Hillyard and Sankey, 1989). This species is found primarily in the northern states, at least in the East (in the West, it has been recorded in Texas and New Mexico -- Cokendolpher and Lee, 2003). Our sole record appears to be the farthest south it has been found in the Appalachians. We currently know of only a single state record for this species.