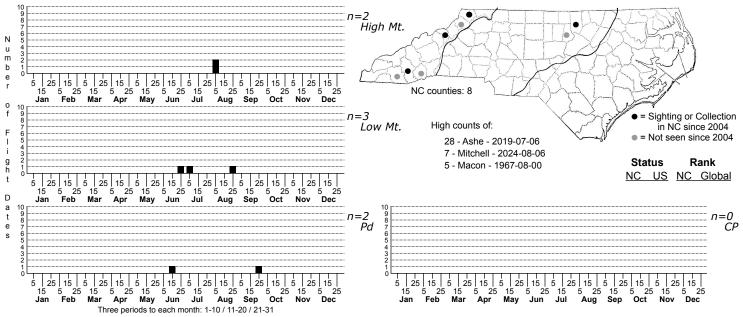
Leiobunum nigropalpi No common name



ORDER:OPILIONES SUBORDER:Eupnoi SUPERFAMILY:Phalangioidea FAMILY:Sclerosomatidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: Approximately 30 species in this genus have been identified as occurring in North America north of Mexico (Cokendolpher and Lee, 1993; Ingianni et al., 2011), with 16 recorded in North Carolina. However, the validity of several of these species is suspect, with several that will probably be determined to be synonyms of other species, e.g., davisi, speciosum, and zimmermani in North Carolina Burns et al., 2012; Shultz, 2018). According to Shultz (2018), moreover, recent phylogenetic studies indicate both that more species are waiting to be described and that the name Leiobunum may eventually be restricted to European species, requiring new generic names for most, if not all, of our species.

ONLINE PHOTOS: BugGuide, the Harvestmen of Maryland

DISTRIBUTION COMMENTS: Probably occurs over most of the Piedmont and Mountains

HABITAT: Widespread in Eastern forests (Shultz, 2018)

OBSERVATION_METHODS: This species is diurnally active and is found on the surface of the ground or up on tree trunks (Shultz, 2018)

NHP RANKS: [GNR] [S4S5]

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

STATUS_COMMENTS: Although we do not yet have enough records to be certain, this species will probably turn out to be found in hardwood forests throughout most of the state.