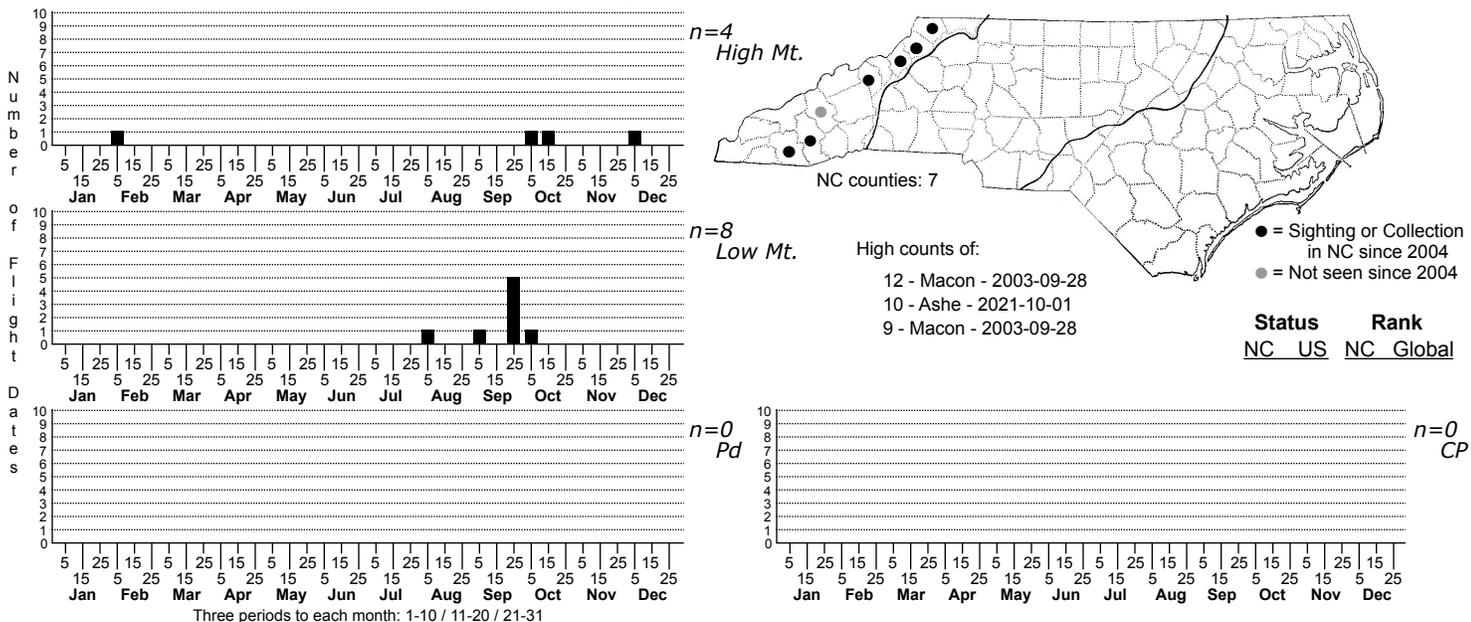


Nelima elegans No common name



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

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: One of two species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Cokendolpher and Lee, 1993, as *Leiobunum elegans* and *Nelima paessleri*). Only *elegans* occurs in the East. Shultz (2018) indicated that the genus *Nelima* may be restricted to Old World species and that our may need to be assigned a new generic name.

ONLINE_PHOTOS: BugGuide, The Harvestmen of Maryland

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Probably confined to the Mountains in North Carolina

HABITAT: This species occurs at both high and low elevations in the Mountains. According to Davis (1934), this species occurs in close proximity to streams in wooded areas. At Mount Mitchell, this species was fairly common on outbuildings and cabins in the park's maintenance area. This area is located along the ridge of the mountain, well away from any stream, but kept moist by frequent rains and mist that sweep this mountain. This species is well-known to overwinter in large aggregations in caves and mines (Shultz, 2018).

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Commonly observed at night on outbuildings at Mt. Mitchell.

NHP_RANKS: [GNR] [S3S4]

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: More survey information is in North Carolina in order to determine the distribution, abundance, habitat associations, and populations trends of this species.