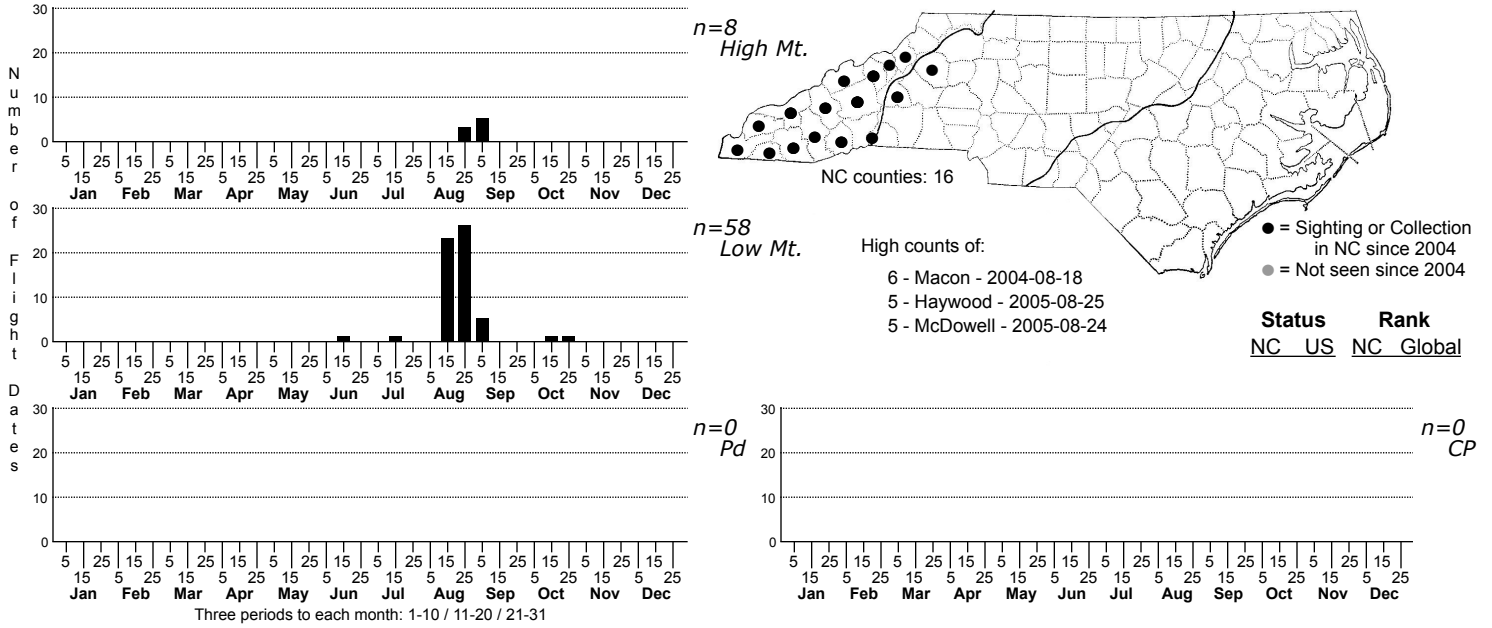


SUPERFAMILY:Travunioidea FAMILY:Phalangodidae

***Bishopella laciniosa*** No common name



ORDER:OPILIONES SUBORDER:Laniatores  
 SUPERFAMILY:Travunioidea FAMILY:Phalangodidae

**TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:** One of two species in this genus, both of which occur in the East (Kury, 2003); only *laciniosa* occurs in North Carolina. Kury (2002) keeps *Bishopella* in the Phalangodidae but moves *Erebomaster* and *Theromaster* to the Travuniidae.

**ONLINE\_PHOTOS:** BugGuide

**HABITAT:** North Carolina records frequently come from Boulderfield Forests or other rocky areas within wet to mesic forests. Elsewhere in the Southeast and Ohio River Valley, it has commonly been collected in caves (Kury, 2003).

**OBSERVATION\_METHODS:** Best found by sifting leaf litter or through use of Berlese funnels

**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:** This is one of the most frequently collected of our montane, cryophilic harvestmen. Nonetheless, its habitat specializations probably make it vulnerable to the desiccating impacts associated with clear-cutting and it may be susceptible to both the heating and drying effects of global climate change. While populations currently appear to be fairly numerous and widespread, this species along with the other cryophilic biota of the mountains should be monitored for downward changes.