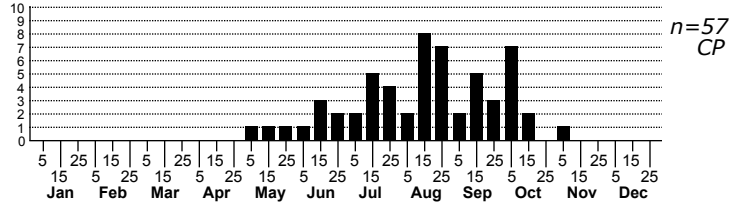
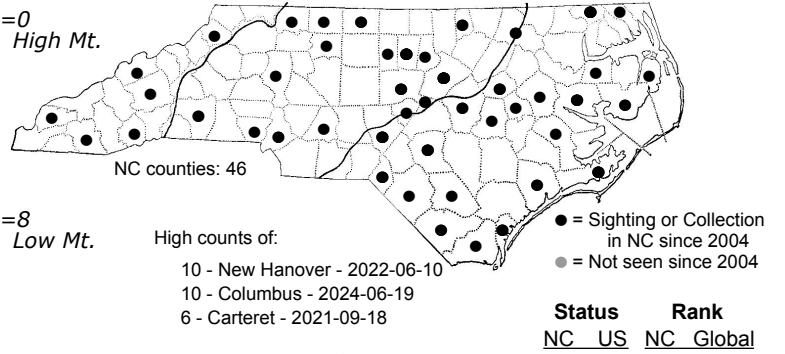
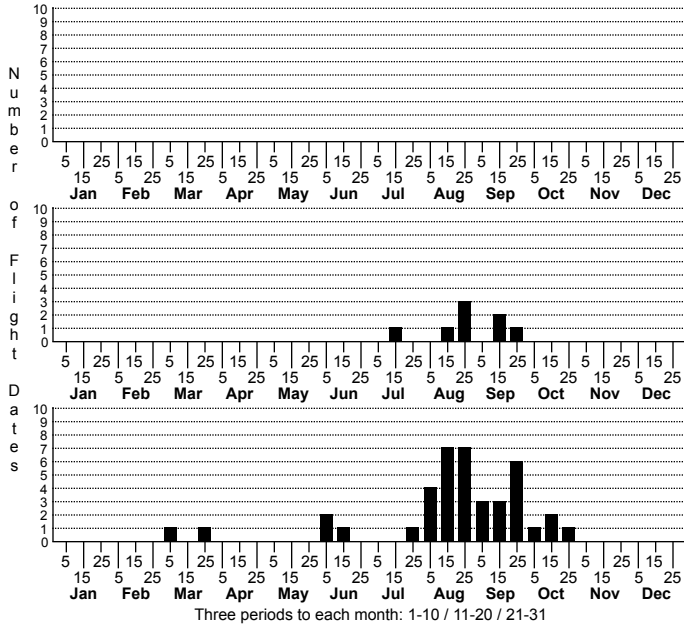


Argiope aurantia yellow garden spider



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae
FAMILY:Araneidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: The genus name *Argiope* means "silver-face", while the specific epithet *aurantia* means "gilded"

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Widespread throughout North Carolina and the entire United States.

HABITAT: garden areas, old field, marshes, wetlands, bogs, lake and pond edges, roadside ditches, human habitations.

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Visual observation.