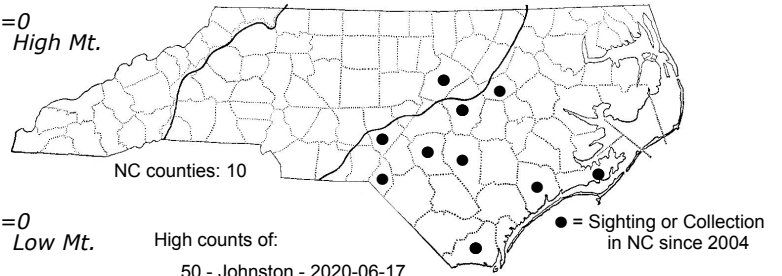
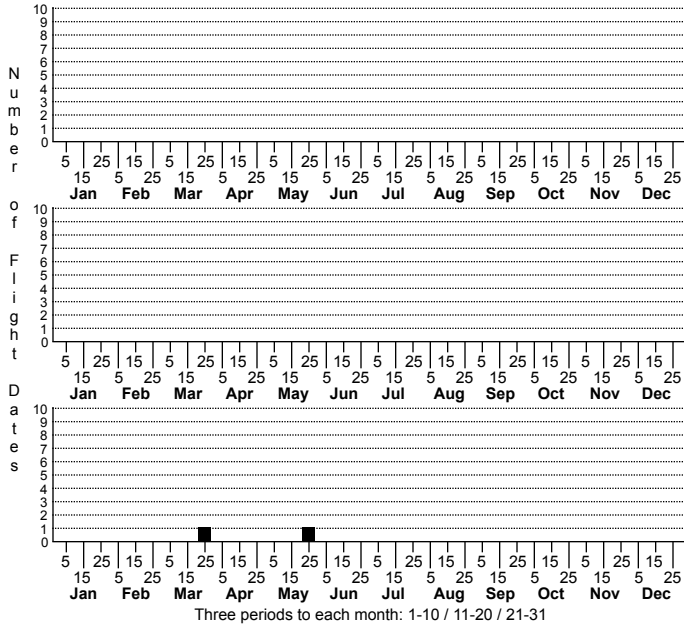
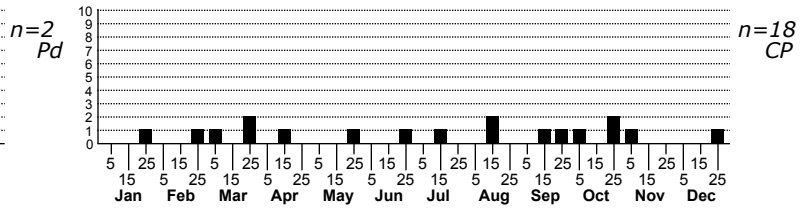


Scytodes atlacoya a spitting spider



High counts of:
 50 - Johnston - 2020-06-17
 50 - Brunswick - 2023-09-16
 15 - Brunswick - 2024-03-07

Status	Rank
NC	US
NC	Global



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:ARANEOMORPHAE
 FAMILY:SCYTODIDAE

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: New species described by Rheims, Brescovit & Durán-Barrón, 2007

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: The spider was described from northeastern Mexico, and not surprisingly in Texas. It seems to have spread far more widely than thought, and has been previously found in the Gulf states, and up into Georgia. A 2012 blog post from SC clearly shows *S. atlacoya*, and I have seen many other photos of what I am sure to be this species misidentified. Photos of a population identified by a clear view of the male palpi have been found as far north as Portsmouth, VA. --dbz

HABITAT: Synanthropic; indoors and out. Found behind bark, in pile of firewood, and taken by "beating" ornamental shrubbery (--dbz).

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Frequently seen at night on exterior door frames and window screens.