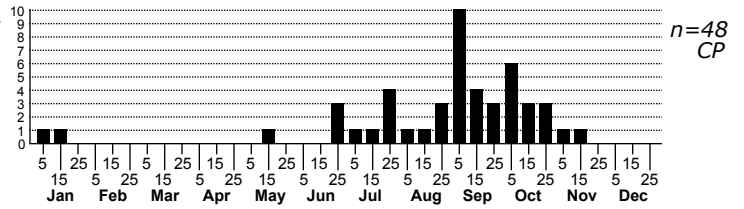
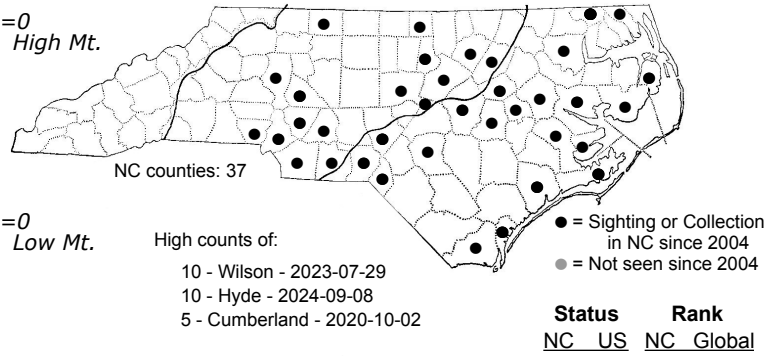
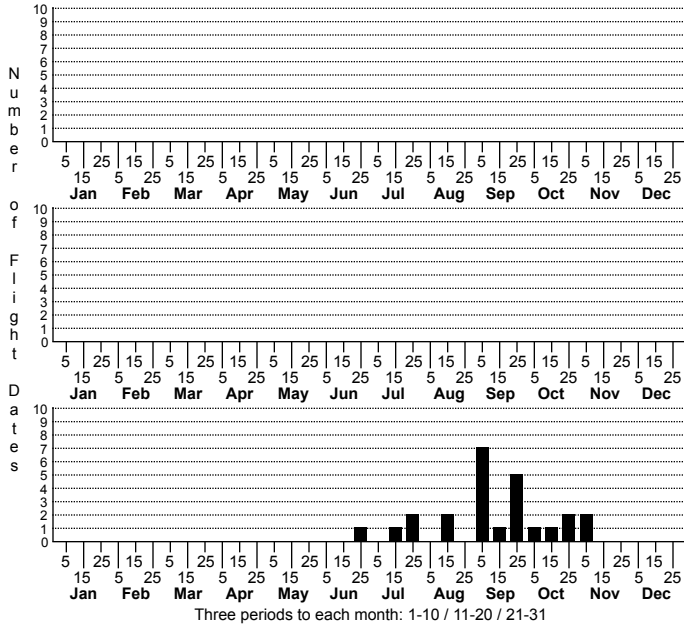


*Gasteracantha cancriformis* Spinybacked orbweaver



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae  
 FAMILY:Araneidae

TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS: cancriformis (L), 'crab shaped'

DISTRIBUTION\_COMMENTS: Common throughout the coastal plain and piedmont. Found throughout the United States, emerging in spring, maturing in summer and surviving until the first frost, all year long during mild winters.

HABITAT: Woodland edges, shrubby vegetation, gardens, agricultural areas including orchards and citrus groves.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS: Visual observation, sweep netting and beat sheets.