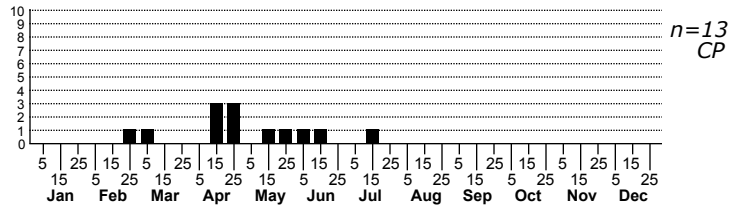
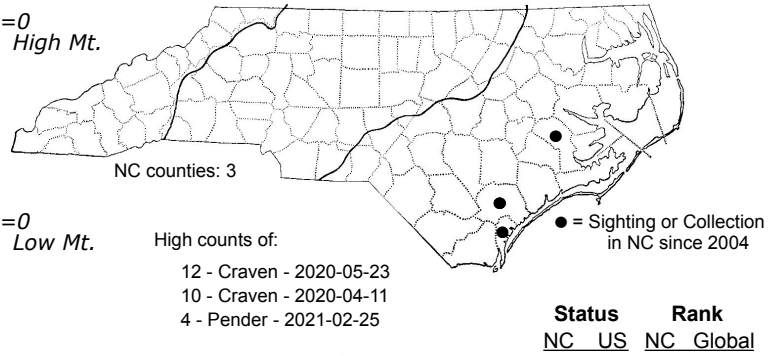
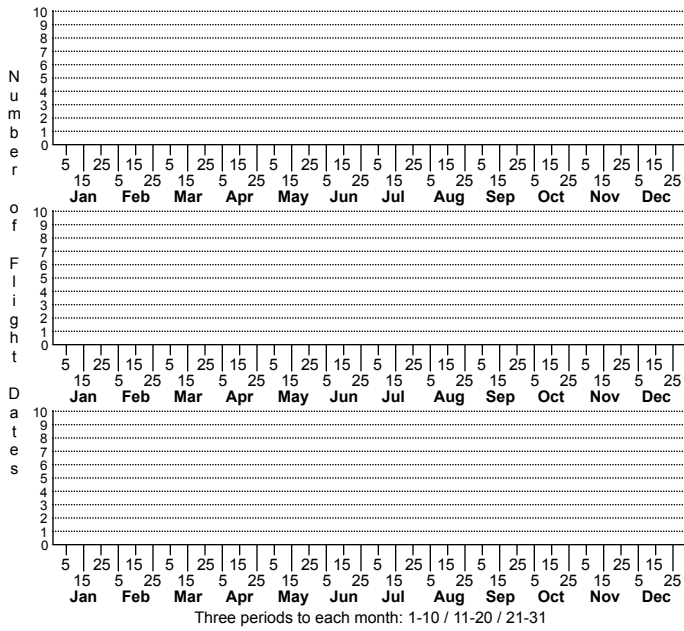


***Libitioides ornata*** Ornate Armored Harvestman



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

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: *Libitioides ornatus* is one of two species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Kury, 2003), both of which occur in North Carolina

DISTRIBUTION COMMENTS: This species appears to be confined to the southern outer coastal plain.

HABITAT: Corey and Stout (1993) describe *L. ornatus* as inhabiting pine scrub, pond pine, and pine flatwoods communities in Florida. In North Carolina, it is often found under pine bark or debris on the ground. A canopy containing pines of several species is typically present. Occurrences appear to be located in dry to mesic areas and it has not been found in xeric sandridge habitats in North Carolina (Erich Hofmann, pers. obs.).

OBSERVATION METHODS: Usually found by flipping over bark or debris

NHP\_RANKS: [GNR] S2S3