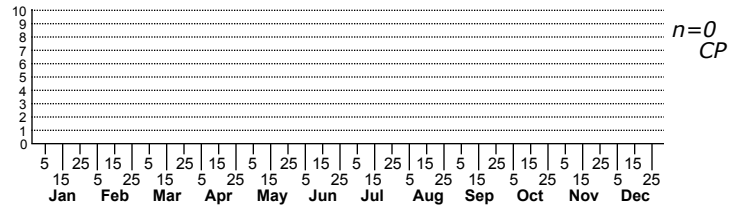
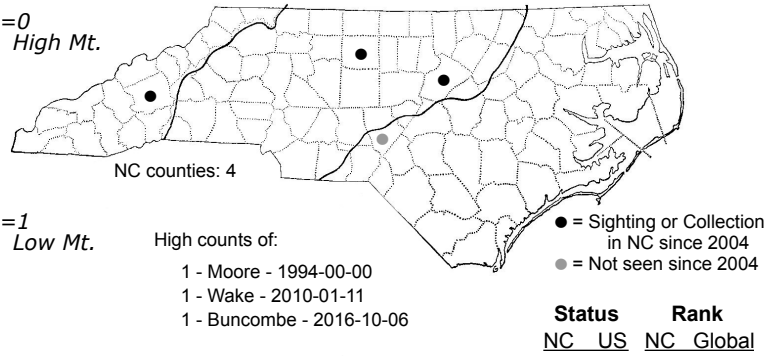
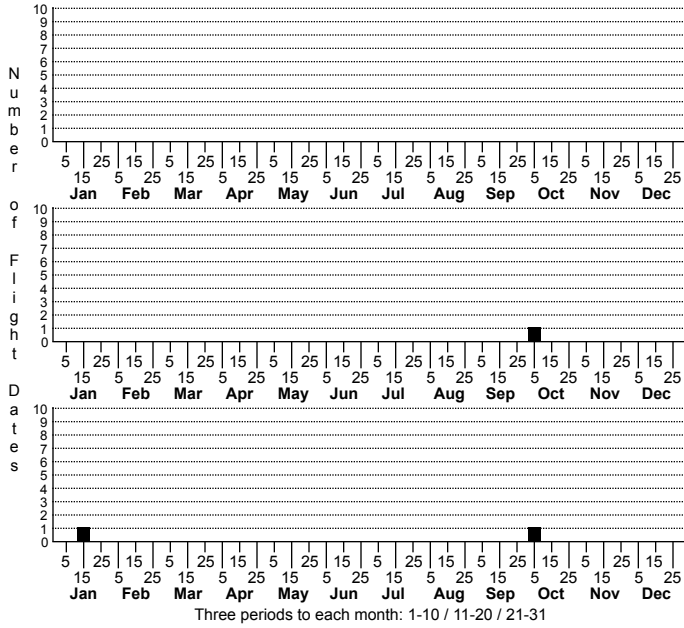


Mastophora timuqua a bolas spider



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae
FAMILY:Araneidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: Common name refers to this genus' practice of snaring prey in mid-flight by swinging a silk line with an adhesive blob on the end, similar to the bolas used by Argentinian gauchos.

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Scattered records from North Carolina to northern Florida. Bolas spiders mate in late summer. In late fall, the female spider attaches several egg-sacs suspended in the vicinity of her retreat; each one is larger than herself and contains a few hundred eggs. Males emerge as re-productively capable adults.

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Visual observation.