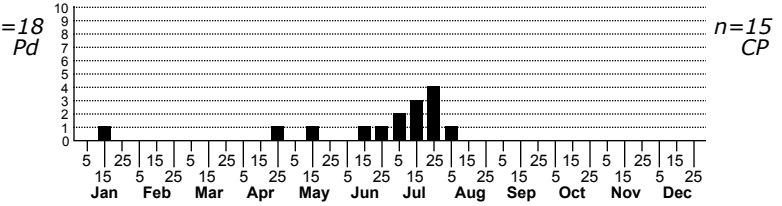
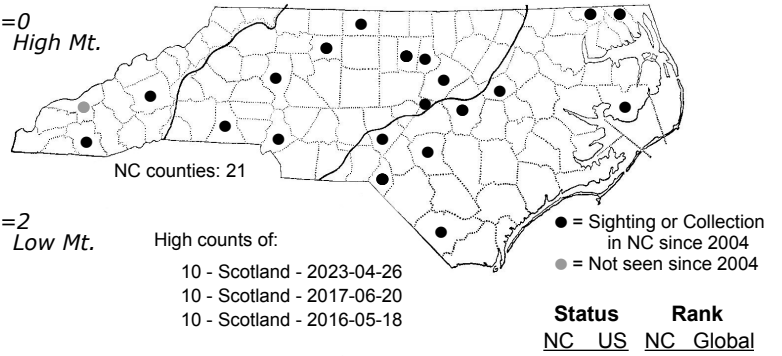
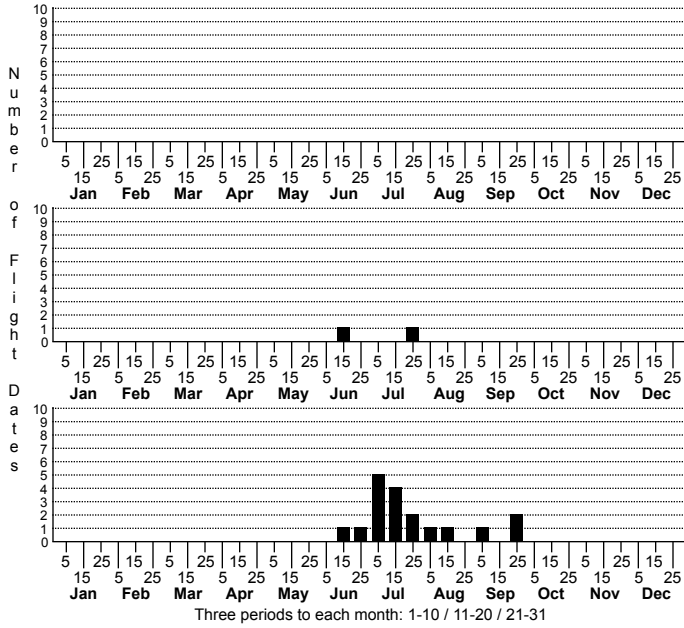


Mecynogea lemniscata Basilica orbweaver



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae
 FAMILY:Araneidae

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: The latin name, lemniscata, meaning "hanging ribbons", appears to be descriptive of the eggsacs. The common name comes from the shape of the snare, resembling the domed ceilings inside some cathedrals

DISTRIBUTION_COMMENTS: Common throughout North Carolina and the southeastern United States. Males mature in summer, female summer through Autumn.

HABITAT: Forest understory, brush, down branches

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Visual observation, sweep netting.