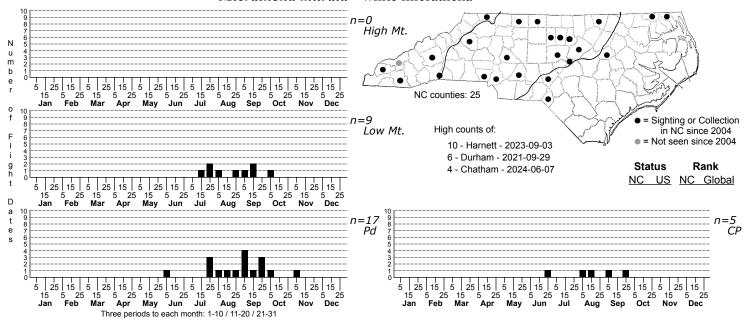
## Micrathena mitrata white micrathena



ORDER:ARANEAE INFRAORDER:Araneomorphae FAMILY:Araneidae

TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS: Originally described by Hentz as Epeira mitrata in 1850, it was later transferred to the genus Micrathena, which had been erected in 1833 by Sundevall.

"Micrathena": from the Greek adjective for "small" and the name of the goddess Athena, patroness of domestic arts and handicrafts, especially spinning and weaving; "mitrata" from the Latin for "cap" or "turban."

DISTRIBUTION COMMENTS: Eastern states, though not found in Florida peninsula.

HABITAT: low forest understory, particularly in humid areas