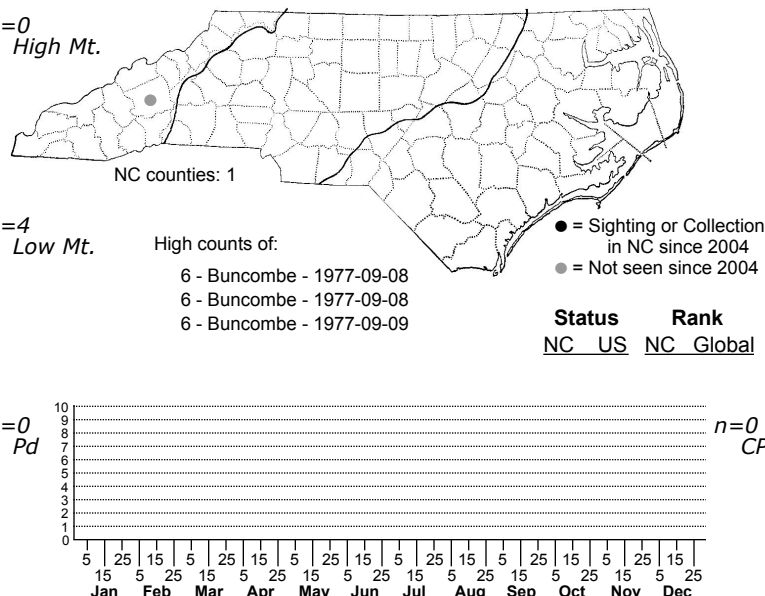
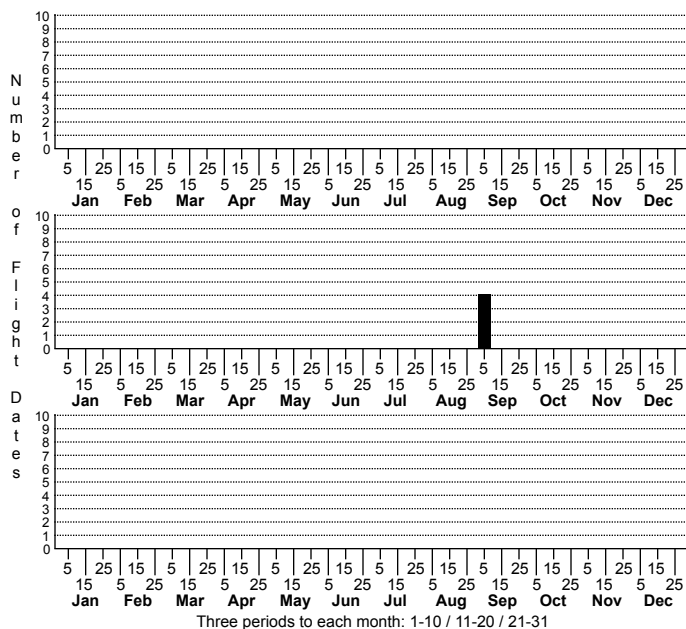


Sigmodon areolata No common name



FAMILY: Xystodesmidae SUBFAMILY: TRIBE:
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:
ONLINE PHOTOS:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Shelley (1981) regarded this species as having a very restricted distribution: "Sigmodon areolata is a highly localized endemic species known only from the area around Baldwin Gap in central Buncombe county. This area was revisited in June 1979, but no specimens were encountered""

HABITAT: Shelley (1981) found the type specimens in hardwood forest growing on a hillside adjacent to a cove forest. He speculated that it occupies the same range of habitats as latior, which includes a range of dry-to-wet hardwood forests, from hillsides to floodplains. However, this species -- unlike areolata -- appears to have a much more restricted geographic range, which needs to be explained in terms of its habitat associations.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: [GNR] [SH]

STATE PROTECTION:

COMMENTS: This species appears to be endemic to a very small area and appears to be known only from historic records; Shelley (1981) reported he couldn't find the species when he searched for them at the type locality in 1979.