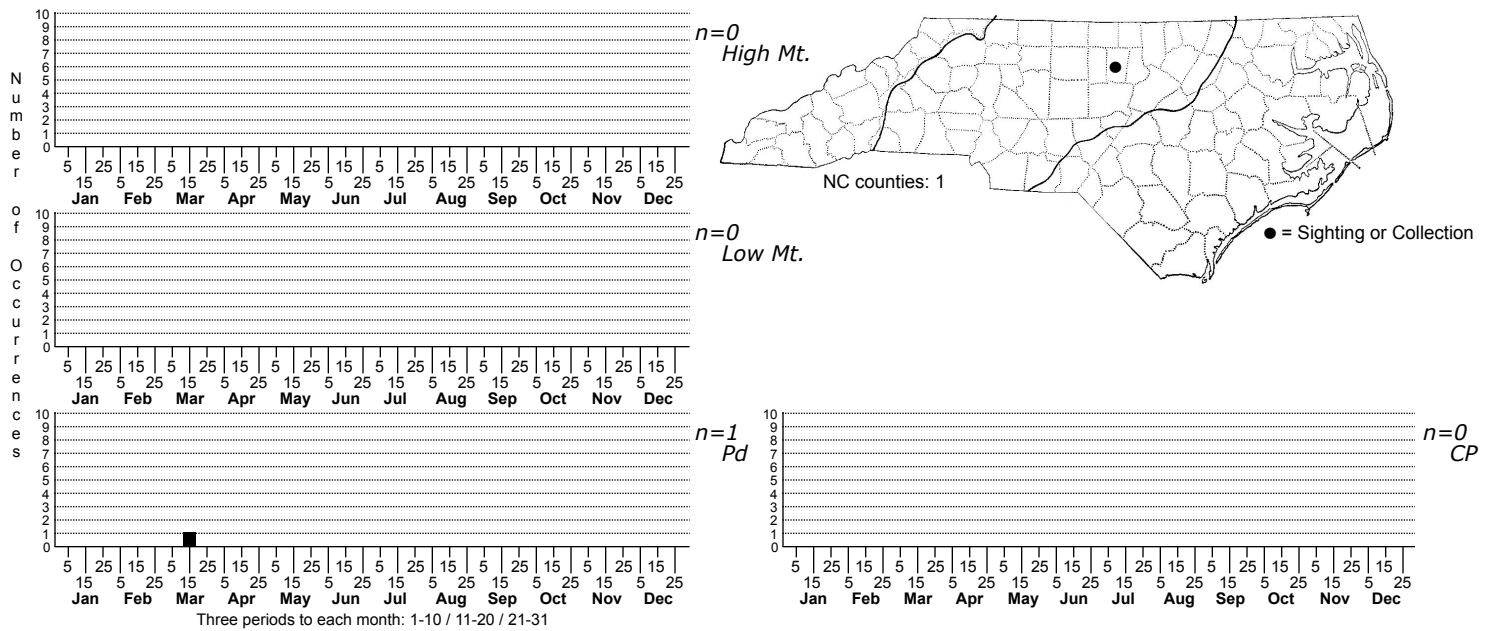


Diphascon stappersi



FAMILY: Hypsibiidae SUBFAMILY: Diphasconinae

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: No molecular evidence for comparison to European populations. Family designation follows Tumanov & Tsvetkova (2023).

SPECIES COMMENTS: Terrestrial. This is only record from USA.

ID COMMENTS: Eyes present, cuticle smooth. The buccal and the pharyngeal tube are very narrow (diameter about 1 micron). Pharynx oval, with length-width ratio of 1.3~1.4:1, but sometimes almost spherical, containing obvious apophyses, 3 macroplacoids of granular shape or even of short rounded rods, increasing in length from 1st to 3rd, and small microplacoid. Exuvia have been observed with one egg. For distinction from *D. alpinum* (very uncertain), from *D. chilense*, and from *D. tenue* we refer the reader to that said under the description of *D. alpinum*. As of 1983, *D. stappersi* has been found only on the Spitsbergen Islands and on Orsi Island.
-Ramazzotti & Maucci 1983

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

HABITAT: Moss

OBSERVATION METHODS: PC and DIC.