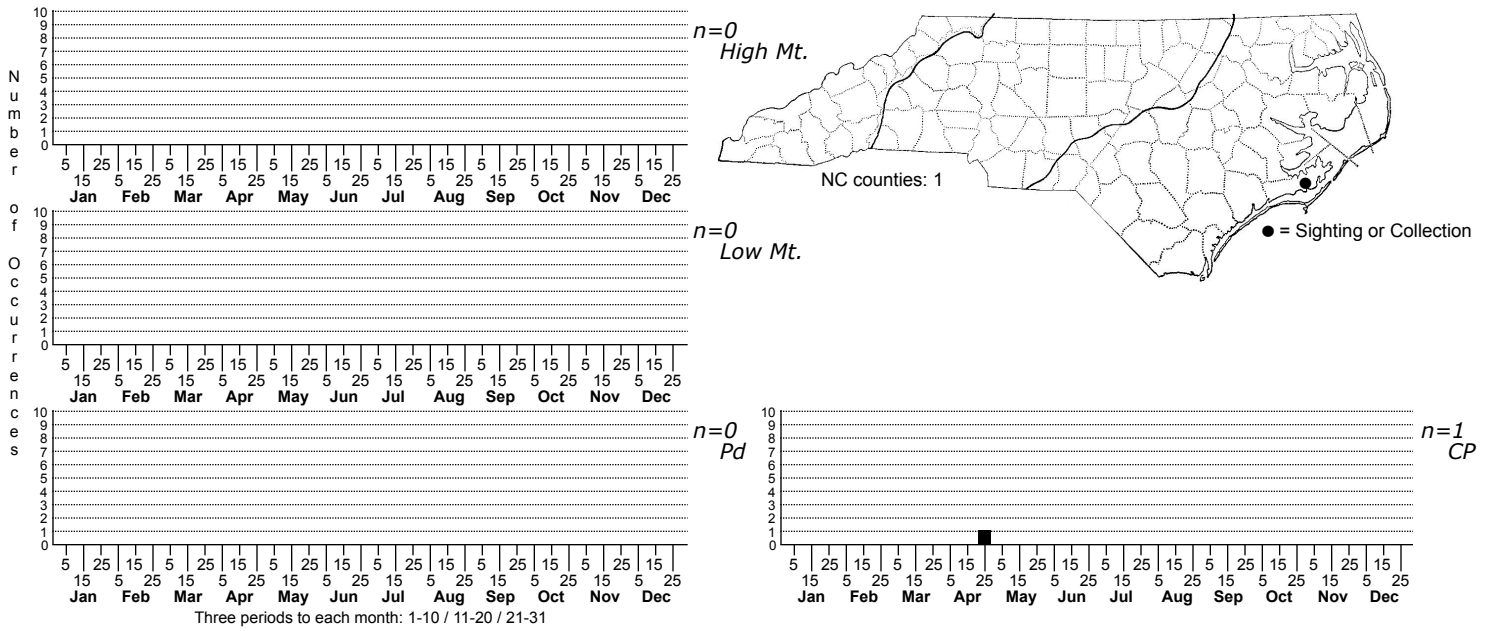


Batillipes cf. tubernatis



FAMILY: Batillipedidae

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: *Batillipes tubernatis* was originally described from Scotland (Pollock 1971), then redescribed based on species from the Gulf of Mexico in Florida by McKirdy (1975). The European populations have no caudal apparatus while 80% of the Florida population did have a caudal apparatus. Santos et al. (2019) concluded that species assigned to *B. tubernatis* from the Gulf of Mexico and other places outside of Europe are a different species. Thus, we have used the name *B. cf. tubernatis* to differentiate this species from the European *B. tubernatis*.

SPECIES COMMENTS: Marine. Further study is necessary to establish the range of this species in N.Am. Note: this record has not been published in peer reviewed literature.

ID COMMENTS: Either without caudal appendage, or with a strong, single, swollen-based caudal spike inserting as a continuous extension of the body, or with a single, small off-center caudal spur; lateral body projections absent; cephalic appendages moderately long; toe discs large. (McKirdy 1975).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

HABITAT: Intertidal beach sand.

OBSERVATION METHODS: DIC or Phase microscopy.