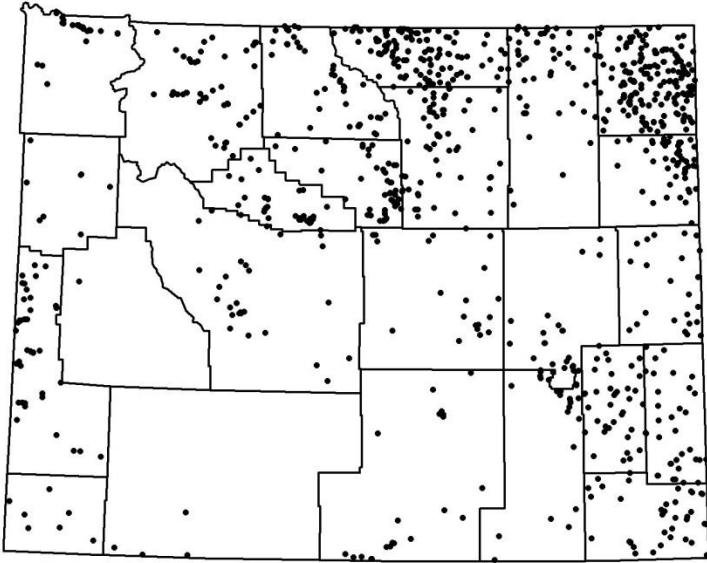


Melanoplus bivittatus



Melanoplus bivittatus, the twostriped grasshopper, is common throughout Wyoming. It prefers areas of thick grasses at the lower elevations of the mountains and areas where the soil has been disturbed, including roadsides, farmsteads, crop margins, and CRP lands. Eggs overwinter in the soil and hatch in late May or June. Adults are present from early July through August. This species feeds on forbs and grasses. It is rarely a pest on rangelands, but it can be a serious pest in agricultural areas where it damages corn, beets, alfalfa, and many other crops.

Ref: Pfadt 1989, and Capinera and Sechrist 1982.