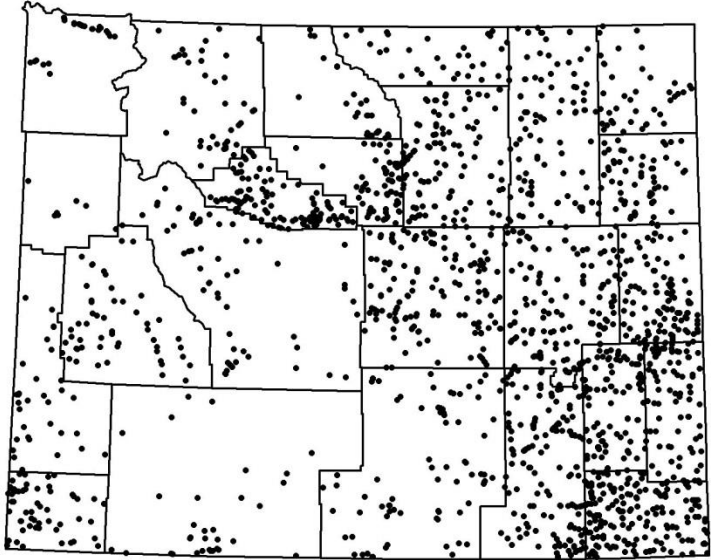


Melanoplus infantilis



Melanoplus infantilis, the little spurthroated grasshopper, is perhaps the most widely distributed grasshopper in Wyoming's grasslands. It may do best in the shortgrass prairie of the southeast, but is also common in desert grasslands and dry mountain pastures. Eggs overwinter in the soil and hatch in late May and June. Adults are present from early July through August. This grasshopper is a mixed feeder on many species of grass and forbs. Damage to rangelands can be severe when populations are very dense.
Ref: Pfadt 1991, and Capinera and Sechrist 1982.