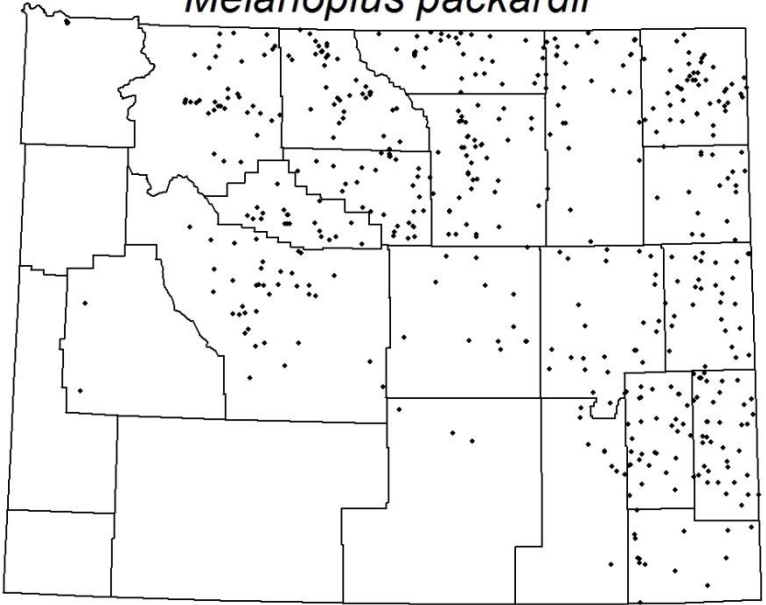


Melanoplus packardii



Melanoplus packardii, the Packard grasshopper, is most common in field margins and roadsides but also occurs on undisturbed prairies. In recent years it has been particularly abundant on CRP lands. Eggs overwinter in the soil and hatch in June. Adults are present from late July to early September. This species is primarily a forb feeder and prefers many species of legumes. It rarely damages rangeland vegetation. It is more often a pest of alfalfa and crop field margins.

Ref: Capinera and Sechrist 1982.