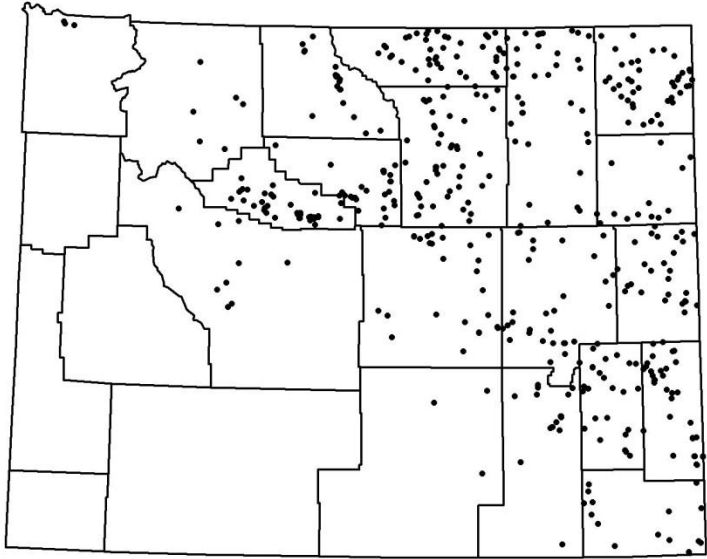


Metator pardalinus



Metator pardalinus is a common grasshopper in the prairies of northern and eastern Wyoming. It apparently is rare in the southwest deserts. The mixedgrass prairies exhibit the highest populations. Eggs overwinter in the soil. In Wyoming adults are present from mid July to early September. This grasshopper feeds on grasses and relies heavily on western wheatgrass. It can be especially damaging to rangeland forage, usually in conjunction with other species.

Ref: Pfadt 1991, Otte 1984, and Capinera and Sechrist 1982.