

Aeoloplides turnbulli, the Russianthistle grasshopper, is primarily found in Wyoming east of the Continental Divide; however, it was also found in Lincoln county in 1992. It is associated with Russianthistle, saltbush, or greasewood. The forewings in specimens found in Laramie County are long and represent the subspecies, A. t. bruneri. The eggs pass the winter in the soil and hatch in early June. Adults are present from late July to September. Damage has been reported to sugar beets, but the species is considered beneficial in feeding on Russianthistle, saltbush, and greasewood.

Ref: Capinera and Sechrist 1982.