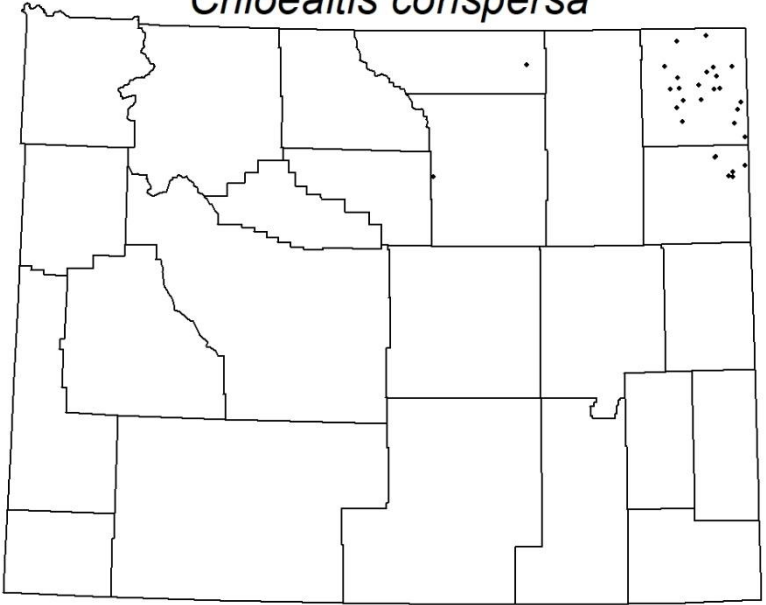


Chloealtis conspersa



Chloealtis conspersa, the sprinkled grasshopper, is common in small forest openings and low brush in the Black Hills. It may also occur in the Big Horn and Medicine Bow Mountains. Eggs are usually laid in soft wood on the ground but occasionally are laid in soil or dry dung. Eggs overwinter and hatch in the spring. Adults are present from mid July to September. They feed on grasses and are known to prefer blue grass. Their preference for wooded areas prevents them from competing for rangeland forage.
Ref: Otte 1981, and Capinera and Sechrist 1982.