

Melanoplus angustipennis, the narrowwinged sand grasshopper, is found throughout eastern Wyoming and is most common in the lower Platte River Valley. It prefers areas with sandy soil and is often common in disturbed sites such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands. Eggs overwinter in the soil and hatch in early summer. Adults are most common in August. This species is a mixed feeder on many different forbs and grasses. Although it can be numerous it usually does not cause significant economic damage to grasses.

Ref: Capinera and Sechrist 1982.