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We discuss a system of two nonlinear difference equations as an abstraction of some commonly known, stage-structured population models. In particular, we show that with the well-known Ricker function for a vital rate such a model is capable of generating chaotic orbits as well as multiple periodic and aperiodic orbits that can be reached from different initial points. (Received January 09, 2015)