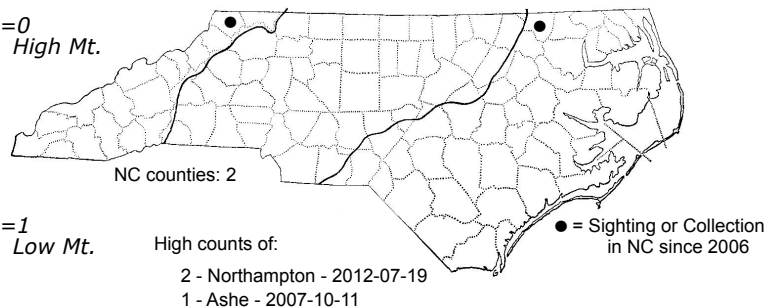
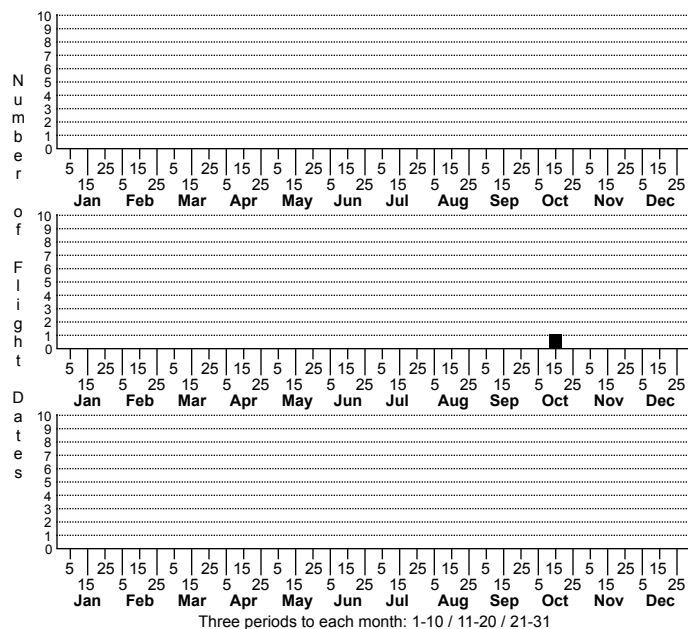
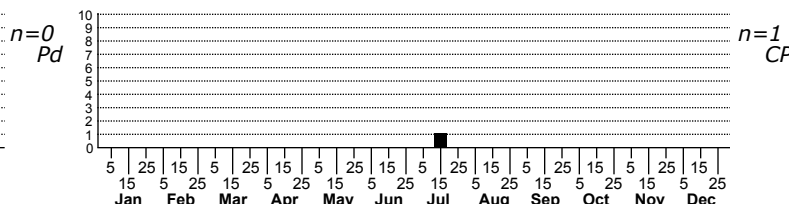


# *Mythimna oxygala* Lesser Wainscot



Status	Rank
NC US	NC Global



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Leucaniini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: A member of a very large worldwide genus. Four species occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), two of which have been recorded in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: This species is very similar to *Leucania* species, particularly *Leucania adjuta*. Like that species, it is straw colored, has three rufous streaks between the veins, a dark spot at end of the cell, and two dark, subterminal spots. However, unlike *adjuta*, it has an unmarked collar that is concolorous with the rest of the thorax; in *Leucania adjuta*, the collar is banded with darker brown. The hindwing is white but with some dark shading in the disk (Forbes, 1954).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae feed on grasses and sedges (Wagner et al., 2011).

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [SU]

STATE PROTECTION: Has no legal protection, although permits are required to collect it on state parks and other public lands.

COMMENTS: This northern species is Known from only two sites in North Carolina although with two individuals collected at one of them. Its status as an established resident still needs to be determined.