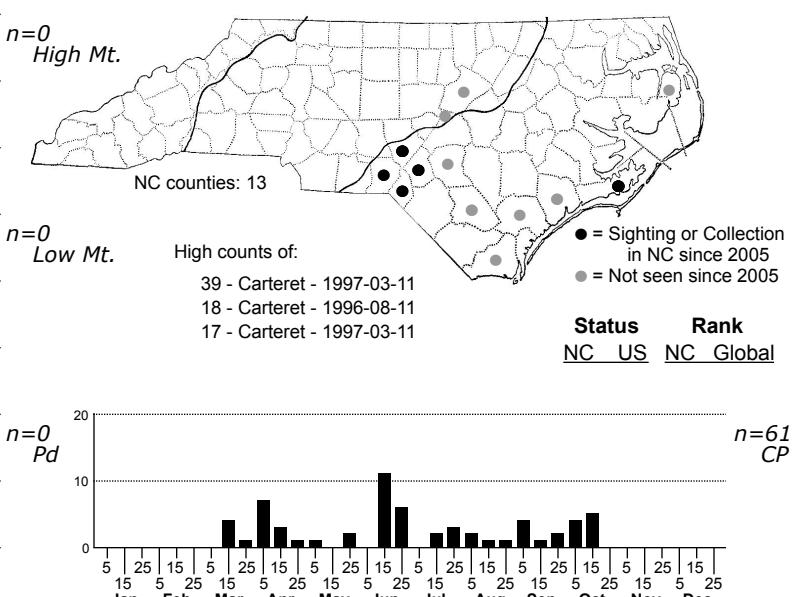
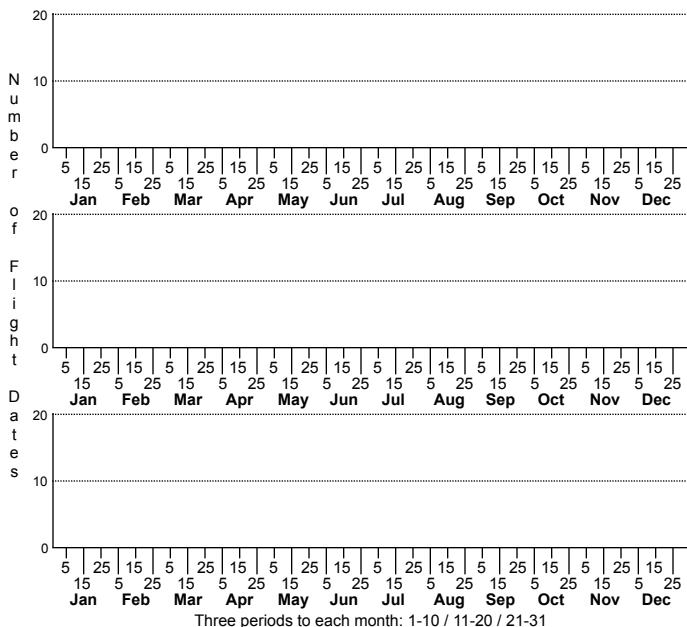


# *Leucania extincta* None



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Leucaniini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of 30 species in this genus that occur in North America north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010; Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2015), 16 of which have been recorded in North Carolina. Previously included in Subfamily Hadeninae but moved to the much expanded Noctuinae by Lafontaine and Schmidt. They also included it in Tribe Leucaniini along with Mythimna.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: A relatively small, slender *< i>Leucania</i>*. The collar is only lightly streaked and the ground color of the forewings is pinkish-luteous (Forbes, 1948). The veins have narrow dark lines but the spaces in between the veins are uniform rather than streaked. A white spot is located at the lower angle of the cell, often extending a short way towards the base along Cu and frequently containing a black dot. The cubitus is often bordered on either side by a narrow dark reddish shade, running from the base to the outer margin. The postmedian consists of a series of four black dots. Hind wings are white.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Forbes (1954) described the habitat of this species as coastal salt marshes but a number of our records come from inland sandhills.

FOOD: Larvae reportedly feed on grasses (Heppner, 2007).

OBSERVATION METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 SNR [S3S4]

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

COMMENTS: