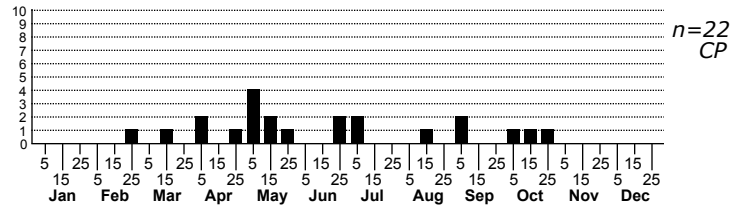
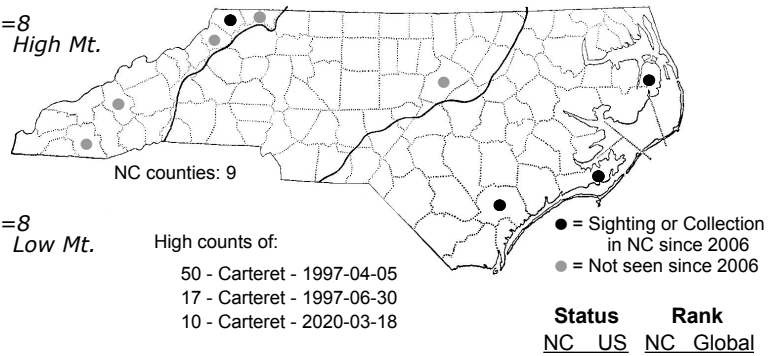
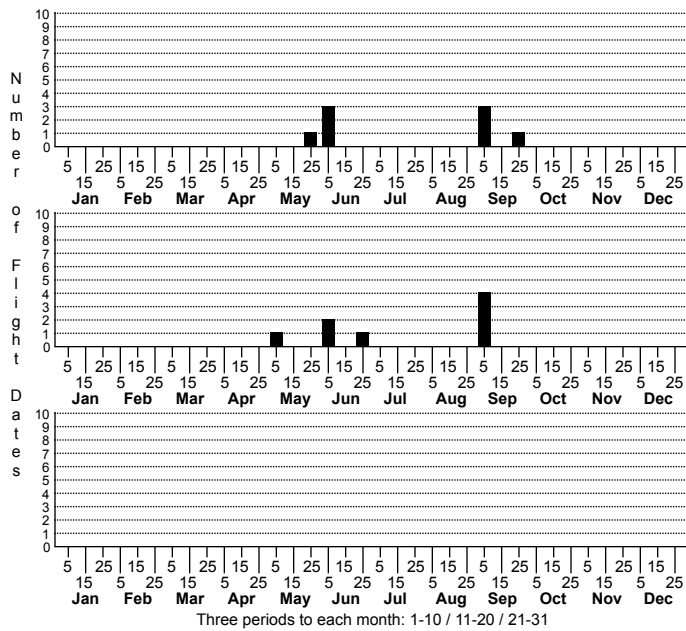


Leucania phragmitidicola Phragmites Wainscot



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: Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: This species has an oddly bimodal distribution in North Carolina, occurring in the mountains and along the chain of barrier islands in the eastern part of the state.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Dune grasslands are occupied in the coastal plain but our records from the mountains come from various types of habitats.

FOOD: Larvae feed on grasses and sedges (Wagner et al., 2011). Reported hosts include bromes (*Bromus*), sedges (*Carex*), Orchard Grass (*Dactylis glomerata*), Quackgrass (*Elymus repens*), and Virginia Wild-rye (*Elymus virginicus*) (Godfrey, 1972).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S2S3]

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

COMMENTS: