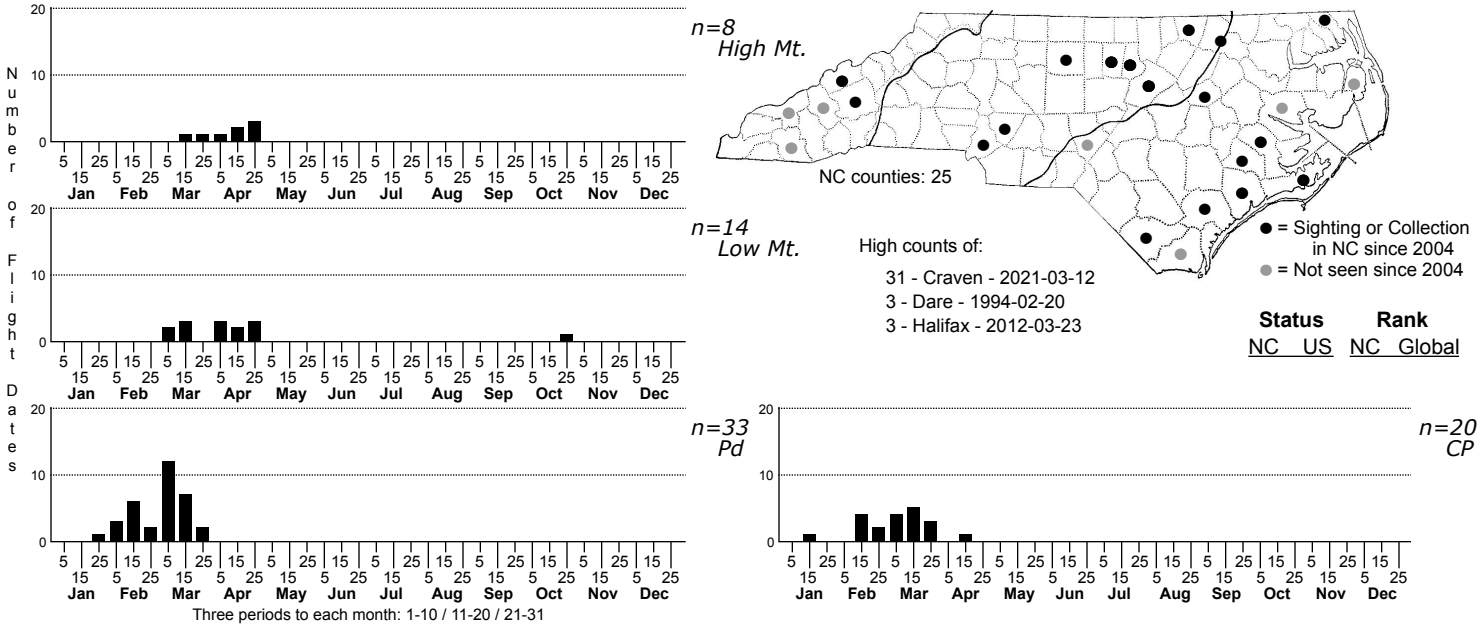
Orthosia alurina Gray Quaker Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Noctuinae TRIBE: Orthosiini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: One of 22 species (two others provisional) that occur in this genus north of Mexico (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 210); five have been recorded in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)
ONLINE PHOTOS:
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: Very similar in coloration and patterning to hibisci but usually has an inconspicuous pale subterminal preceded and defined by much heavier dark bars (Forbes, 1954)

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Woodlands and forests (Wagner et al., 2011). Our records come from a wide range of forests and shrublands, ranging from maritime forests to pocosins to bottomland hardwoods to northern hardwoods

FOOD: Larvae feed on a wide range of hardwood trees and shrubs, with Cherry probably the most common (Wagner et al., 2011)

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR S3S4

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

COMMENTS: