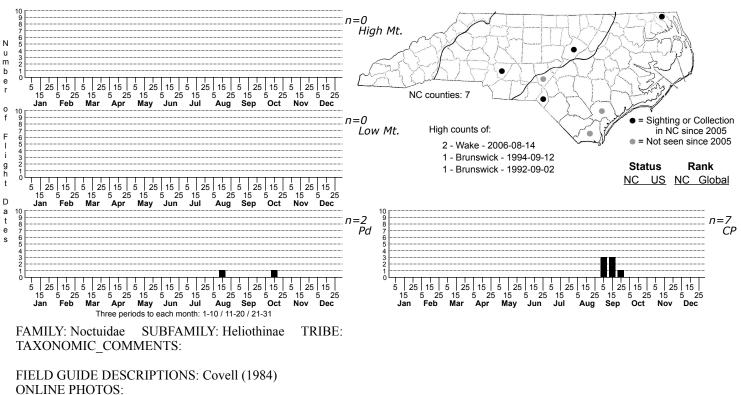
## Chloridea subflexa Subflexus Straw Moth



TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: <i>Chloridea subflexa</i> and <i>C. virescens</i> are similar in color and in having three straight lines running across the forewings. The hindwings provide the clearest way to separate the two: both have white hindwings, but <i> virescens</i> has a strong blackish or reddish margin, whereas <i>subflexa</i> has only a faint gray marginal band, if any. BugGuide also suggests that rusty coloring on the forelegs is characteristic of <i>virescens</i>, which appears to be true for at least some individuals, but examination of specimens in our collection does not indicate a complete correlation between foreleg color and hindwing color and pattern (J.B. Sullivan, pers. obs.). We continue to recommend that photographs be submitted that show at least a portion of the outer margin of the hindwings.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Reported hosts include ground-cherry ( $\langle i \rangle$ Physalis $\langle i \rangle$ ),  $\langle i \rangle$ Solanum $\langle i \rangle$ , tobacco, and meadow-beauty ( $\langle i \rangle$ Rhexia $\langle i \rangle$ ) (Forbes, 1954; Robinson et al., 2010).

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: