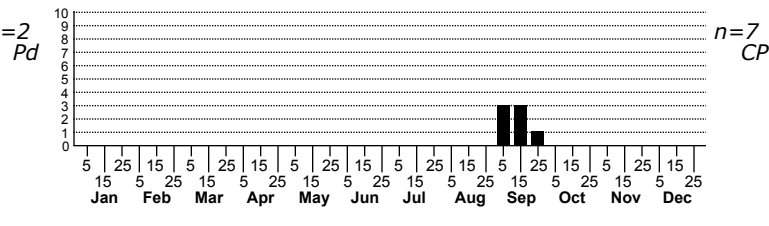
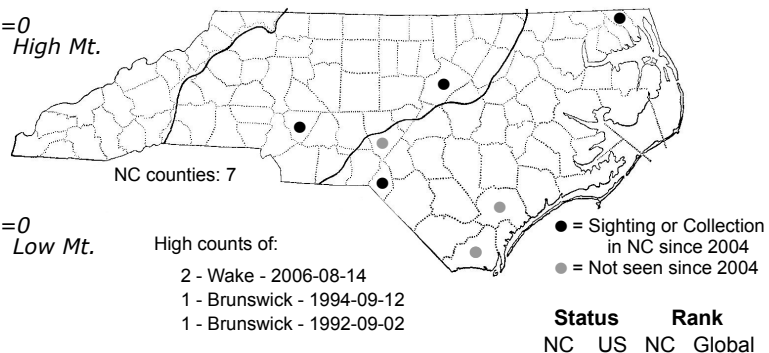
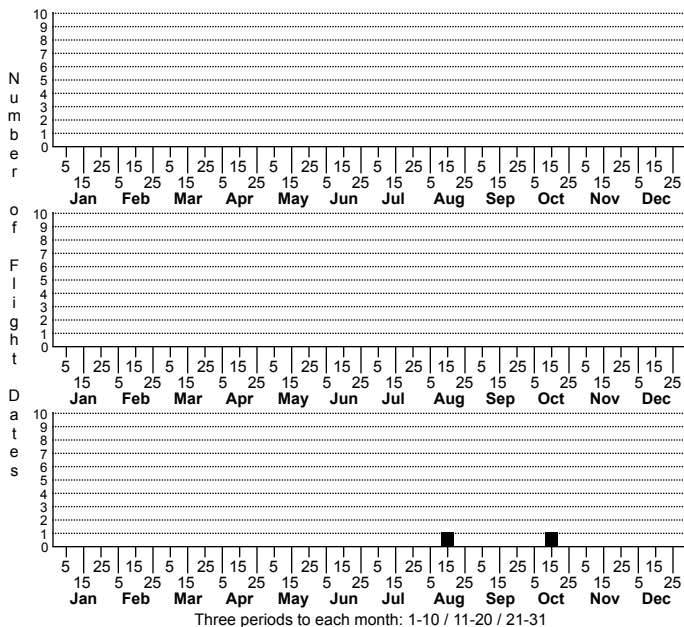


# *Chloridea subflexa* Subflexus Straw Moth



FAMILY: Noctuidae SUBFAMILY: Heliiothinae TRIBE:  
 TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: *Chloridea subflexa* and *C. virescens* 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 *virescens* has a strong blackish or reddish margin, whereas *subflexa* has only a faint gray marginal band, if any. BugGuide also suggests that rusty coloring on the forelegs is characteristic of *virescens*, 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 (*Physalis*), *Solanum*, tobacco, and meadow-beauty (*Rhexia*) (Forbes, 1954; Robinson et al., 2010).

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS:

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

COMMENTS: