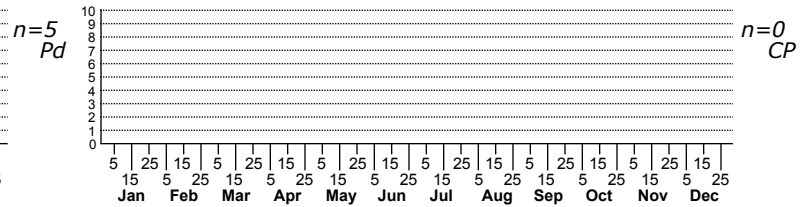
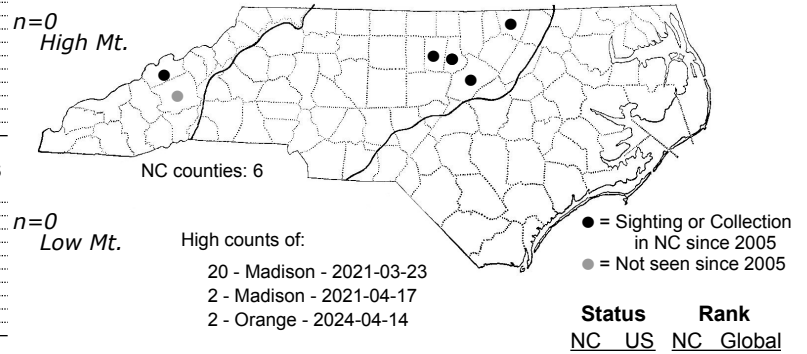
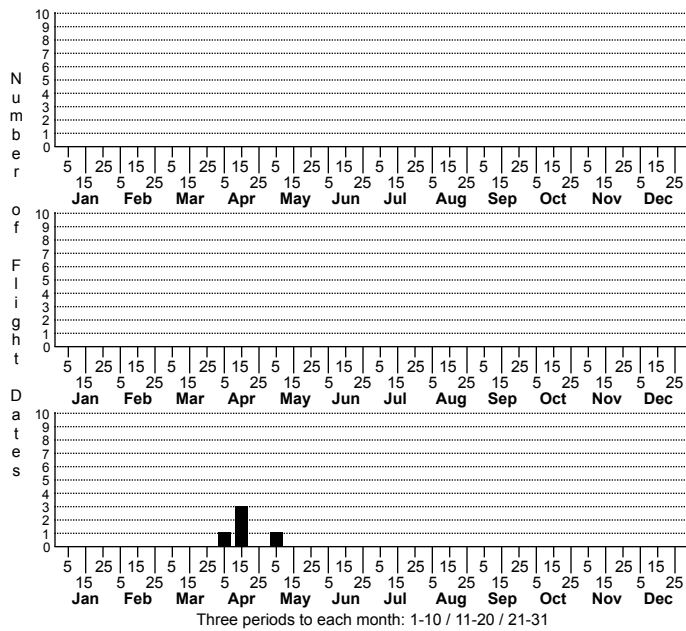


# Argyresthia thuiella Arbovitae Leafminer Moth



FAMILY: Argyresthiidae SUBFAMILY: TRIBE:  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:  
ONLINE PHOTOS:  
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:  
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: The recorded host plant of this species is uncertain to have existed as a native species in North Carolina, with only a few populations along the western margin of the state at all likely. The moth can occur on cultivated specimens, however, and this may explain most of our records, particularly east of the mountains.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae feed on Northern White Cedar (<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>) (Eiseman, 2022). At least some of our records come from cultivated Thuja, which does not naturally occur in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNR [SNA?]

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

COMMENTS: This species may not be native to North Carolina and may be present here solely in association with cultivated specimens of Northern White Cedar.