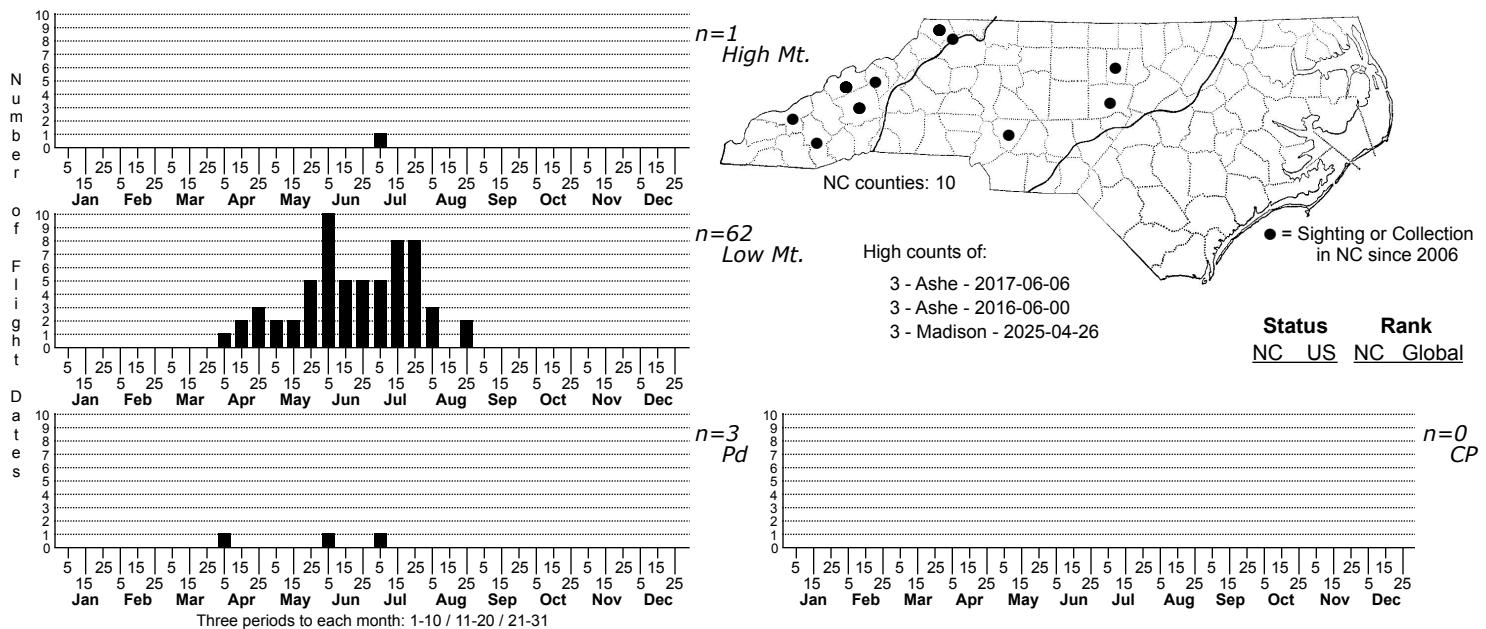


Phaecasiophora confixana Macrame Moth



FAMILY: Tortricidae SUBFAMILY: Olethreutinae TRIBE: Olethreutini

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: A large genus of some 37 species, primarily Oriental but with three species occurring in North America. All three species occur in North Carolina

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: Adults resemble species of Olethreutes but have dilated, tufted scaling on the hind tibia which is usually obvious when handling specimens. Adults are similar and maculation will usually allow identification.

DISTRIBUTION: Primarily found in the mountains to date but recorded from as far east as Occononeechee Mountain in Orange County

FLIGHT COMMENT: Adults have been collected from late May into early August but we do not know whether this represents one or two generations per year

HABITAT: It has been trapped in woodland habitats.

FOOD: Host plants are poorly documented, but there is a BugGuide record (Curtis Lehman, 2014) of a larva on Sassafras in Pennsylvania.

OBSERVATION METHODS: Adults have been recorded in light traps and are unlikely to be attracted to bait.

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: