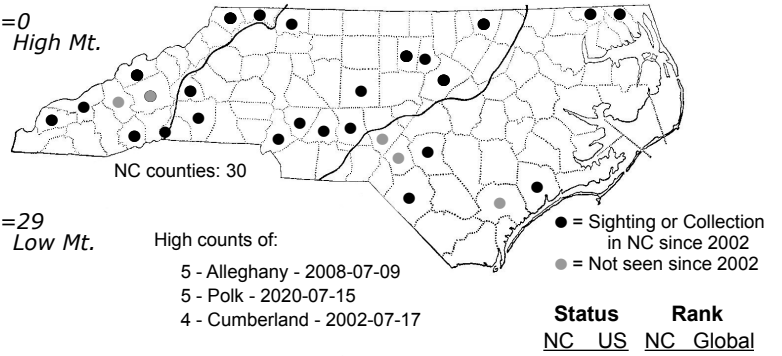
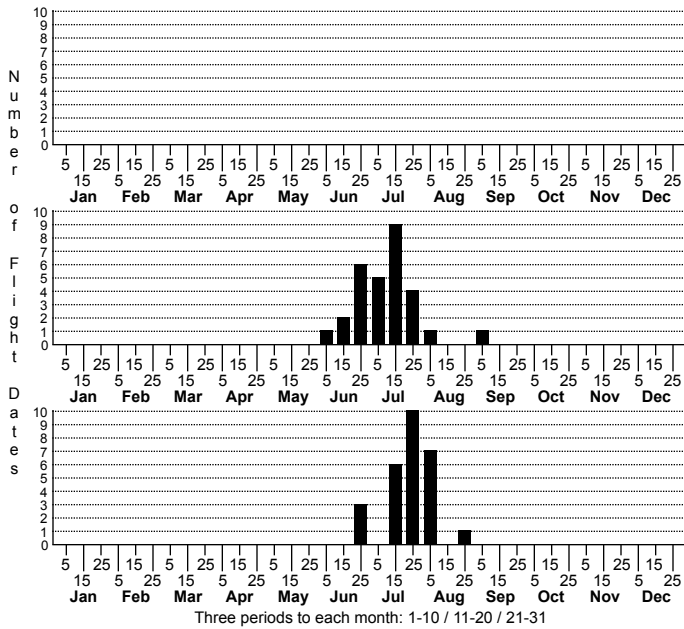


Parasa chloris Smaller Parasa Moth



FAMILY: Limacodidae SUBFAMILY: TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: One of two representatives of this genus found in North America, both of which occur in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS: MPG, BugGuide, BAMONA

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1923)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: Wagner (2005)

ID COMMENTS: Distinctive. The outer margin and basal area of forewing warm brown; the median area is bright green, as is the thorax and head. It is very similar to *Parasa indetermina* but is separated from that species by a straight or slightly concave posterior edge of the green median area, as well as an evenly brown outer margin (with darker brown veins), though wear can make differentiation difficult. Typically rests in an upright stance on thick, "furry" brown legs, in a slightly "head down" posture. Length from tip of head to apex of forewing at rest averages 14 mm (n = 1).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Barrens, woodlands, and forests.

FOOD: Polyphagous, feeding upon a variety of woody plants including apple, beech, birch, cherry, dogwood, elm, and oak (Wagner, 2005).

OBSERVATION_METHODS: Readily attracted to lights.

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S4

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

COMMENTS: Common across the state.