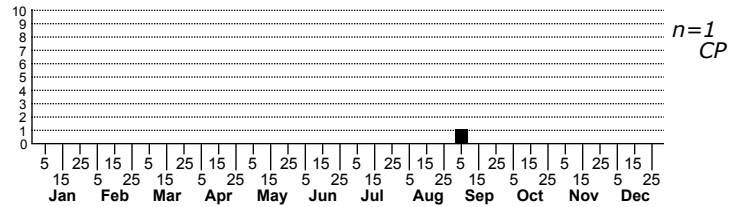
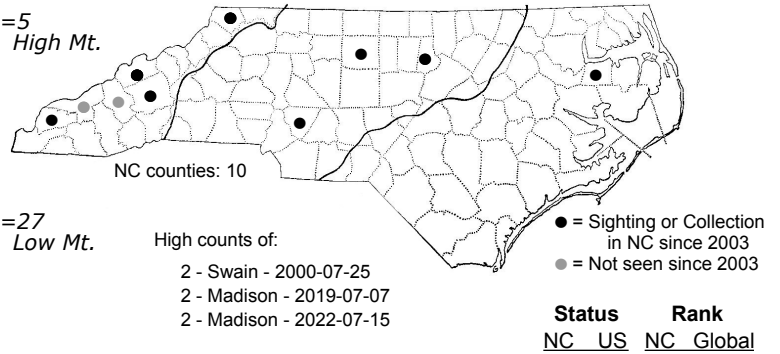
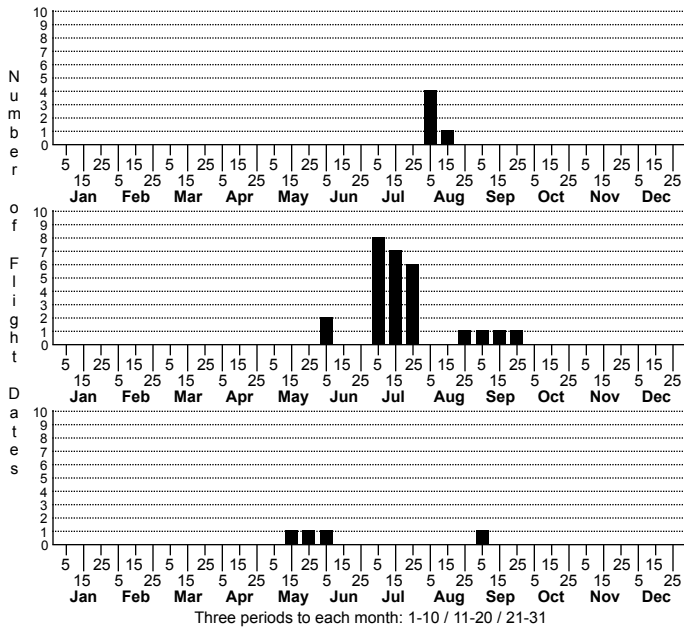


Herpetogramma aeglealis Serpentine Webworm Moth



FAMILY: Crambidae SUBFAMILY: Pyraustinae TRIBE: Spilomelini

TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS: Over 20 species of *Herpetogramma* have been described from North America that are based mostly on external morphology. The most recent treatment consolidates these into only nine species (Solis, 2010) and all nine occur in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Solis (2010)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The ground color of the forewings is light to dark brown, with a whitish patch between the orbicular and reniform but not between the reniform and the postmedian line or only partially present (Solis, 2010). A dark marginal shade closely follows the postmedian line but with a narrow pale gap between the postmedian and the undulating inner margin of the marginal shade (totally dark in some specimens).

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: The larvae are polyphagous and have been reared on a taxonomically diverse group of plants (Solis, 2010; Handfield and Handfield, 2011). These include goldenrods (*Solidago*), ragworts (*Packera*), pokeweed (*Phytolacca*), mayapples (*Podophyllum*), and ferns (Polypodiales).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR S4S5

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

COMMENTS: