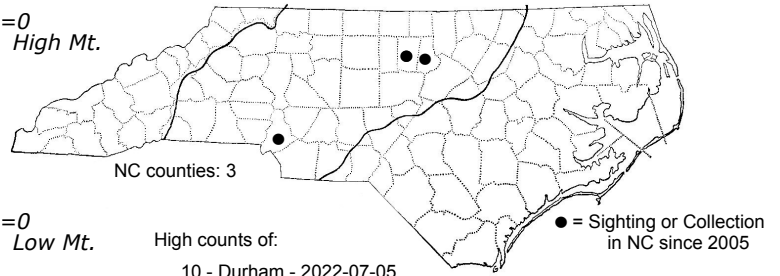
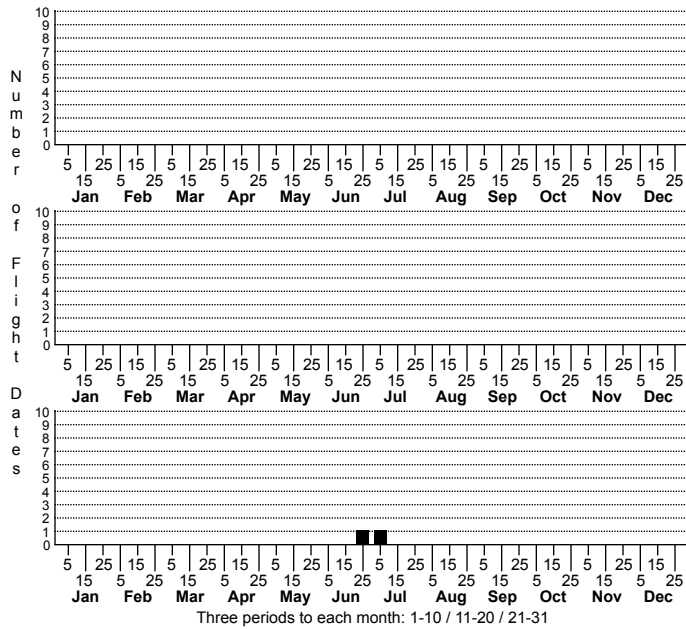
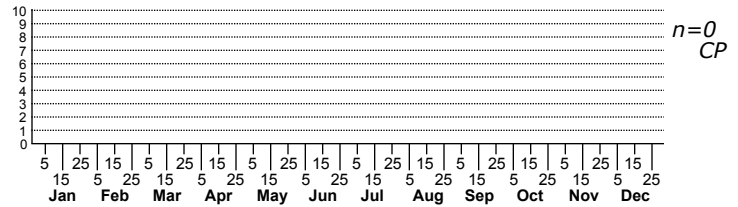


# *Omphalocera cariosa* Moonseed Webworm Moth



High counts of:  
 10 - Durham - 2022-07-05  
 2 - Orange - 2024-07-30  
 1 - Orange - 2023-07-09

Status Rank  
 NC US NC Global



FAMILY: Pyralidae SUBFAMILY: Galleriinae TRIBE: Megarthridiini  
 TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

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

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our two records for this species come from stands of bottomland hardwoods.

FOOD: In North Carolina, larvae have been recorded on Canada Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*). Reports of this species on pawpaw (*Asimina*) or barberry (*Berberis*) may represent other species in this genus. There is also a BugGuide record (George Smiley, 2022) of a larva feeding on Carolina Coralbead (*Nephroia carolina*) in Texas.

OBSERVATION\_METHODS: This species may come poorly to lights. Searching Moonseed populations for larvae may be the best way to document this species.

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR S2S3

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

COMMENTS: