

FAMILY: Pyralidae SUBFAMILY: Phycitinae TRIBE: Phycitini TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: ONLINE PHOTOS: TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Neunzig (1996) TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: "[<i>vaccinii</i> and <i>amplexella</i>] can be very close. Underside forewing can distinguish males, but females are generally by association" (Scholtens, 2017)

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our five records as of 2023 come from either fairly low elevations in the Blue Ridge or from the Sand Hills where $\langle i \rangle$ Kalmia $\langle i \rangle$ was likely growing in the vicinity.

FOOD: Larvae reportedly feed on <i>Kalmia</i> species (Heppner, 2003). We do not have any feeding records in North Carolina.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

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.

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