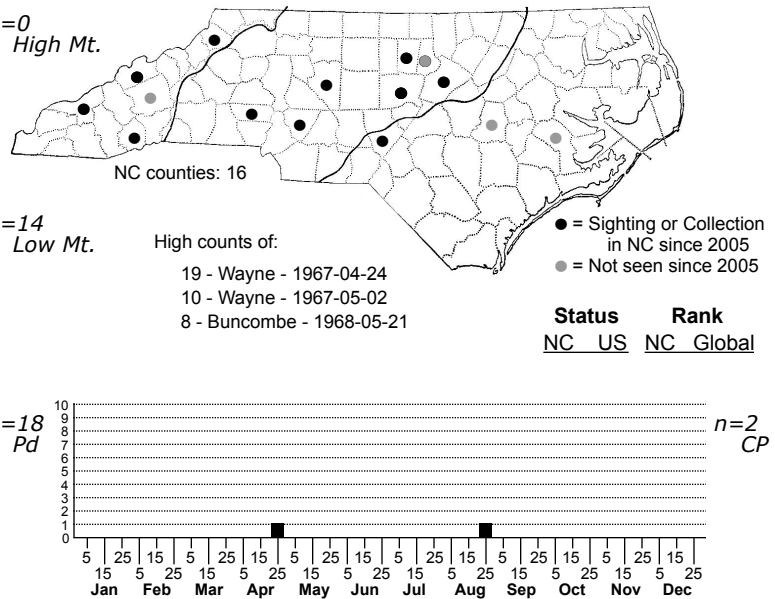
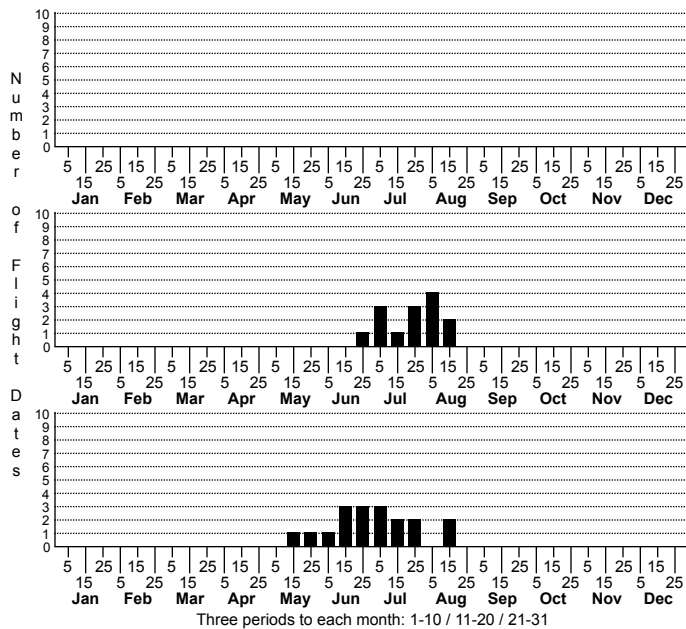


Acrobasis caryae Hickory Shoot Borer Moth



FAMILY: Pyralidae SUBFAMILY: Phycitinae TRIBE: Phycitini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Neunzig (1996)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES: Neunzig (1972)

ID COMMENTS: The ground color of the forewings is typically dark fuscous, with base and median area concolorous; some southern individuals may be paler gray (Forbes, 1923; Heinrich, 1956). A transverse, black scale ridge is located in the antemedial area, preceded with whitish scaling and followed by a slender, pale, pinkish or ochraceous line. Apart from the pale line beyond the scale ridge, no other yellowish or pinkish shading exists. A pale subterminal line typically is present but sometimes obscure. A pair of separated discal dots is also present but not strongly contrasting with the ground color. Males have a short black patch at the base of the costa on the dorsal surface of the forewings and a long black streak along the top of the cell on the underside. Hindwings are smoky fuscous.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: The host plants used by this species indicate that it inhabits dry, basic-mesic, and rich bottomland stands of oak-hickory forests

FOOD: The larvae feed on members of the Juglandaceae (Forbes, 1923; Prentice, 1966; Neunzig, 1972; Godfrey et al., 1987; Robinson et al., 2010). The reported hosts include Southern Shagbark Hickory (*Carya carolinae-septentrionalis*), Bitternut Hickory (*C. cordiformis*), Pignut Hickory (*C. glabra*), Pecan (*C. illinoensis*), Shagbark Hickory (*C. ovata*), Sand Hickory (*C. pallida*), Mockernut Hickory (*C. tomentosa*), and Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*).

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR S3S5

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

COMMENTS: