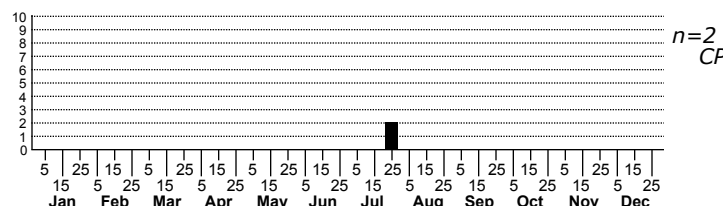
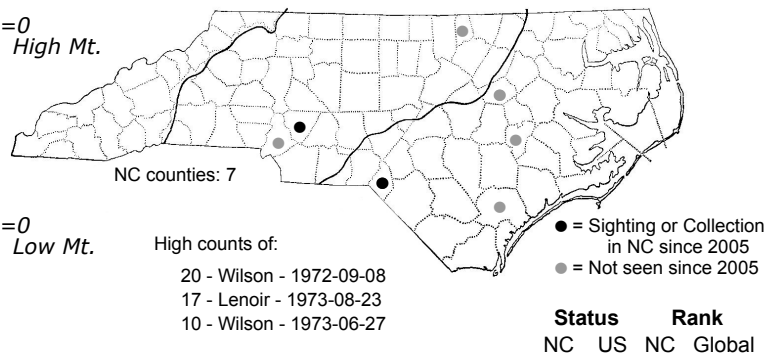
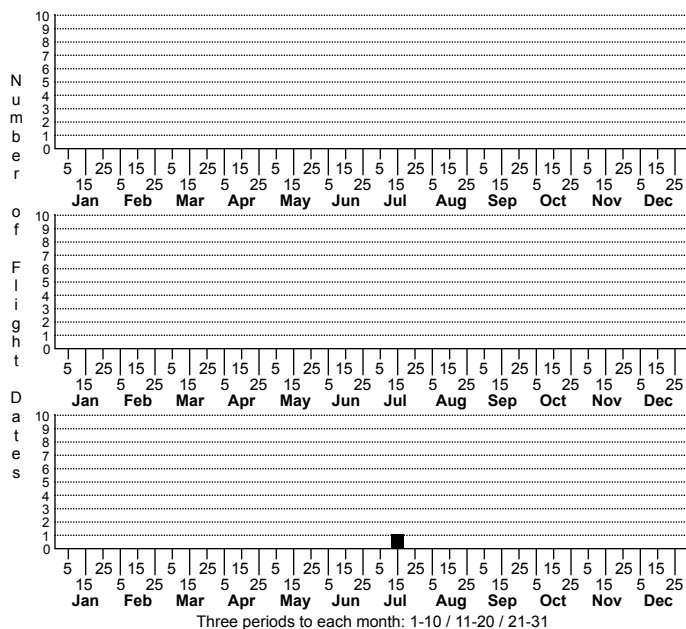


# *Monoptilota pergratialis* Lima-bean Vine Borer Moth



FAMILY: Pyralidae SUBFAMILY: Phycitinae TRIBE: Phycitini  
TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS:

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Neunzig (1996)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS:

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: This species appears to occur only as a crop pest in North Carolina.

FOOD: Larvae may be monophagous on lima beans (*Phaseolus lunatus*), which appear to have originated in Central America (Neunzig, 1979).

OBSERVATION\_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: GNR SNA

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

COMMENTS: This species appears to be native to the Southwest and probably should be considered exotic in North Carolina.