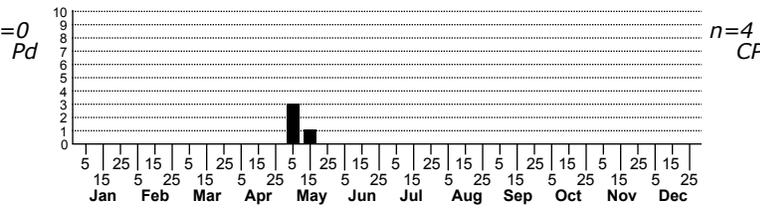
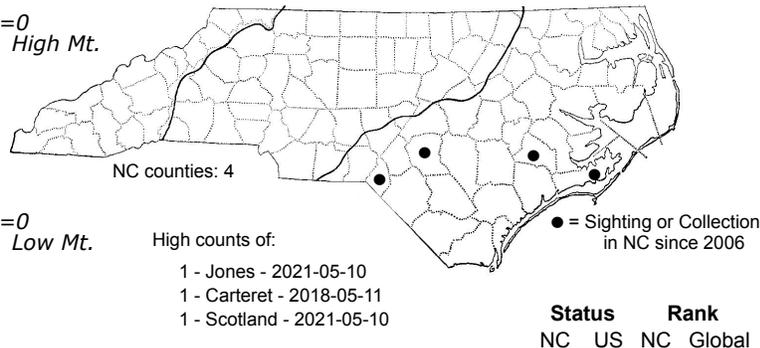


Actrix dissimulatrix None



FAMILY: Pyralidae SUBFAMILY: Phycitinae TRIBE: Phycitini
 TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

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

ID COMMENTS: "I have been unable to detect any difference in the external appearance of the adults of *A. dissimulatrix* and *A. nyssaeolella*. Nevertheless, the genitalia of the two species leave no doubt that *A. dissimulatrix* is a distinct species" (Neunzig, 2003).

DISTRIBUTION: Our genitalia-based identifications as of 2024 are all from the Coastal Plain, which suggests that populations farther west are very likely *A. nyssaeolella*.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: All of our confirmed records for this species come from Coastal Plain sites located near blackwater wetlands, although upland stands may be closely adjacent.

FOOD: Larvae reportedly feed on tupelo (*Nyssa* spp.), and Heinrich (1956) listed Swamp Tupelo (*N. biflora*) as a host plant. All of the sites where this species has been confirmed by dissection in North Carolina are located in habitats that contain Swamp Tupelo, although Black Tupelo (*N. sylvatica*) may also be present.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:
 NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS:
 STATE PROTECTION:
 COMMENTS: