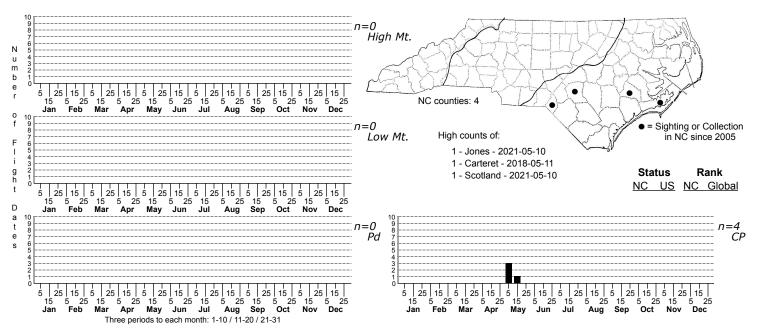
Actrix dissimulatrix None



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 <i>A. dissimulatrix</i> and <i>A. nyssaecolella</i> Nevertheless, the genitalia of the two species leave no doubt that <i>dissimulatrix</i> 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 <i>A. nyssaecolella</i>

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 (<i>Nyssa</i> spp.), and Heinrich (1956) listed Swamp Tupelo (<i>N. biflora</i>) 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 (<i>N. sylvatica</i>) may also be present.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS:

STATE PROTECTION:

COMMENTS: