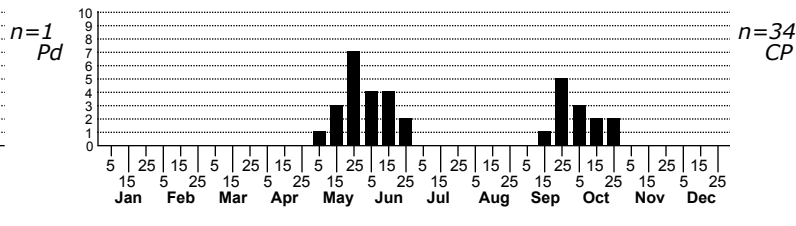
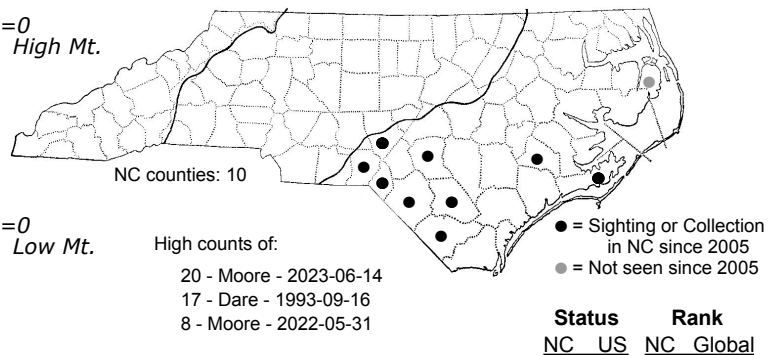
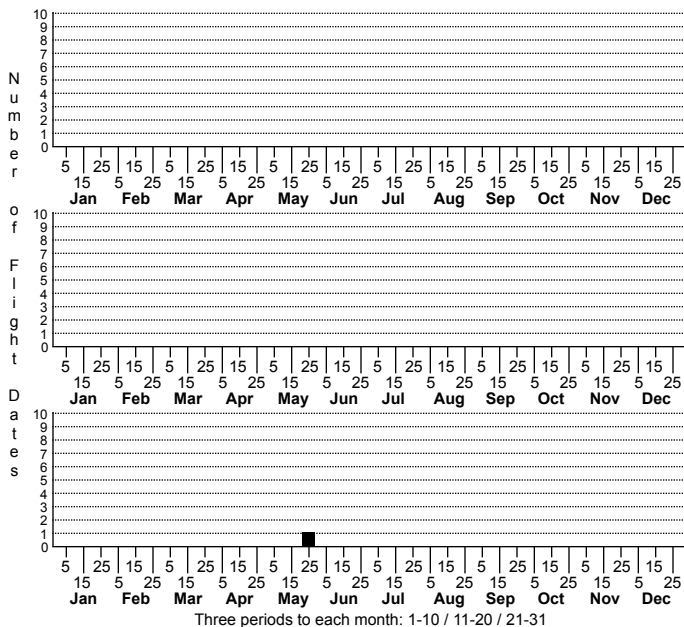


Melitara prodenialis Eastern Cactus-boring Moth



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:

FOOD: Larvae reportedly feed on cacti, including prickly-pears (*Opuntia* spp.) and *Yucca* (Robinson et al., 2010). In North Carolina, our only feeding record is for a prickly-pear.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S3S4

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

COMMENTS: