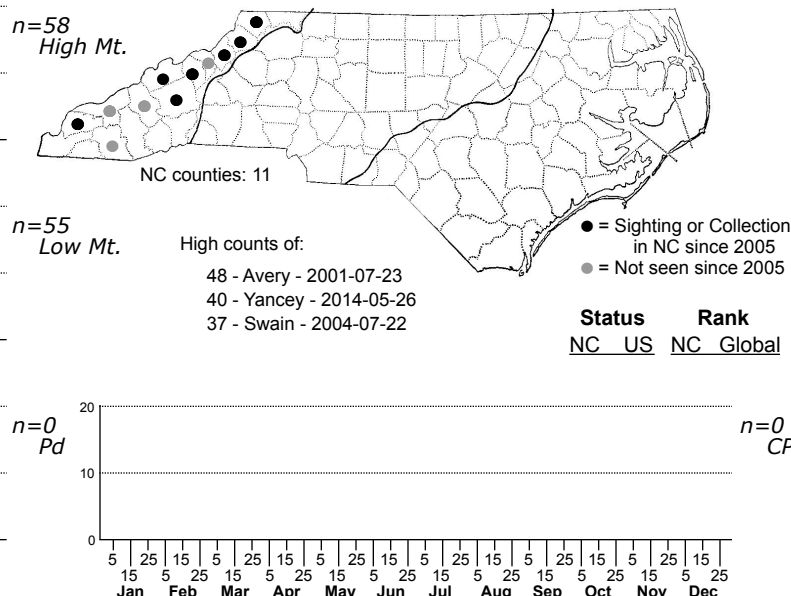
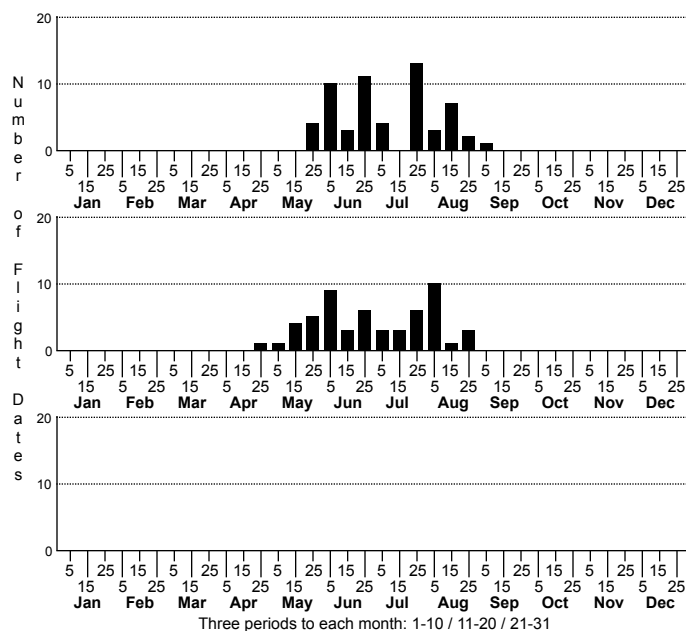


Habrosyne scripta Lettered Habrosyne



FAMILY: Thyatiridae SUBFAMILY: Thyatirinae TRIBE: Habrosynini
TAXONOMIC_COMMENTS:

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1923)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: A medium-sized, light gray brown moth with conspicuous white markings. The ground color is grayish-brown, with a large basal patch of this color outlined with white. The costa is also white with a few brown spots; two larger brown-and-white spots (orbicular and reniform) are located just inward from the costa and posterior to the basal patch. The median portion of the wing is crossed by a series of narrow, strongly crenulated white bands, followed by a wider subterminal band of white. The terminal stripe is also white and crenulated, followed by a fringe of brown. *Habrosyne gloriosa* is very similar but the two differ in the outline of the basal patch: in *scripta*, the posterior white band runs fairly obliquely from the cubital vein to the inner margin; in *gloriosa* it runs more perpendicular to the costa and then has a sharp right angle bend. *Scripta* is also lighter brown than *gloriosa* and the white patches are usually less pinkish (Forbes, 1924).

DISTRIBUTION: A northern species restricted to the Blue Ridge in North Carolina, including both lower and higher elevations in the mountains.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT:

FOOD: Larvae feed on blackberry (*Rubus*) and possibly other members of the Rosaceae (Wagner, 2005). Other hosts require verification.

OBSERVATION_METHODS:

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G5 SNR [S4S5]

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

COMMENTS: